



ARTS CULTURE HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2024 at 8:30 AM

Council Chambers at City Hall - 1123 W. Lake St. Sandpoint, Idaho

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am by Chairwoman Elle Susnis, presiding in the City Hall Council Chambers at 1123 Lake Street, Sandpoint, ID.

Roll Call

In addition to Chairwoman Susnis, Commissioners: Hannah Combs, Karin Wedemeyer, Mike Lithgow, and Reck Decker were present at roll call.

PRESENT

Chair Ellen Susnis
Commissioner Hannah Combs
Commissioner Karin Wedemeyer
Commissioner Mike Lithgow
Commissioner Rick Decker

ABSENT

Commissioner Barry Burgess
Commissioner Kate McAlister
Commissioner Katelyn Shook
Commissioner Keely Gray

Meeting Minutes Approval

1. Approval of May 14th, 2024, Meeting Minutes - **action item**

Motion to approve the May 14, 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Motion Passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Combs.

Voting Yea: Chair Susnis, Commissioner Combs, Commissioner Wedemeyer, Commissioner Lithgow, Commissioner Decker

Financial Report

Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency (SURA) Financial Report

Ms. Upton shared the monthly financial report for the Sandpoint Urban Renewal Agency (SURA). The totals reflected were through May 2024.

Art funds: Downtown budget is \$181,083.11 and the Northern budget is \$100,590.02. Silver Box Project: Advanced to date \$18,315.22 Remaining Balance: \$1,684.68. Information only; no Commission action.

New Business

2. Historic Preservation Team Update

Ms. Upton provided an update on deliverables for the State Historic Preservation Office, Community Enhancement Grant, which will be due July 1, 2024. The grant provides the matching funds for Sandpoint Urban Renewal dollars supporting the update and reprint of the Historic Walking Tour Brochures.

In partnership with the City of Sandpoint Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Division and the Lake Pend Oreille Repertory Theatre and Bonner County History Museum, the first guided walking tour of the season will take place, Friday, June 28th, 2024. "Historic Storytellers," will lead the tours.

The ACHP Commission is nominating the Belwood Building, located at 301 Cedar in Sandpoint, for an Orchid Award through Preservation Idaho. Volunteers: Carrie Logan and Steve Garvan assisted in the nomination. Ms. Upton will be submitting the application on behalf of the ACHP Commission.

3. Culture Team Update

Ms. Upton gave an update on plans to publish a Residential Call for Information under the Cultural Collective Campaign. Commissioners were encouraged to fill out the "Historic Home Survey" to understand how the survey interfaces with the user.

Ms. Upton informed the Commission that the June topic for the Community Character Hour is "Tourist Parks" in Sandpoint, specifically the City Beach area. KRFY will broadcast the Community Character Hour live at 8am on June 24, 2024, (the fourth Monday of every month).

4. Art Team Update

Commissioner Susnis reminded Commissioners that 2024 marks the five-year anniversary of the installation of "Celestial Sierra," a public art installation at the Sandpoint Schweitzer Cutoff Roundabout. The project was funded by SURA dollars from the Northern District. The artist, Troy Pillow, was selected out of 150 regional artists that submitted proposals. The abstract sculpture, reminiscent of trees, sailboats, mountains and airplanes, ties into the Blue Gateway theme found on the South entrance to Sandpoint. Commissioners suggested an informational sign on the perimeter with QR code to project history.

Ms. Upton shared public art suggestions from the ACHP work team for the Downtown Parking Lot. Before it was a parking lot, the space was occupied by the Farmin school, which was torn down in the 70's. The team proposed sharing the school's history in an artful manner. Commissioners Susnis, Decker and Combs volunteered to spearhead this placemaking opportunity.

Commissioners discussed creating a strategic plan to prioritize projects requiring SURA Public Art Funds. Commissioners Susnis and Combs volunteered to be on the planning team.

Ms. Upton gave an update on, "Painting the Plows," a Community Driven Art Program. The plows have been primed and faces will be painted on the plows this week. Commissioner Susnis was recognized for creation of the face graphics, that once painted on the plows, will bring each vehicle to life. Millers Paint Bucket is supplying all the paint, and Creations, the nonprofit at Cedar Street Bridge is coordinating the community members responsible for painting the faces. Ms. Upton also credited the City of Sandpoint Streets Crew for their assistance with this project.

General Announcements/Comments

Around the Room: ACHP Commission and Staff General Announcements and Comments.

Commissioner Combs shared that the Museum would be hosting, "Museum Days," at Lakeview Park, July 2-6, 2024. Festivities will include tours and activities for kids. Commissioner Wedemeyer shared that the Music Conservatory would be installing the first set of replacement windows on the second floor of their historic building, the original City Hall. She also shared the success of a recent *Music Matters* event held at the Panida Theatre.

Adjourn

With no further business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.

I presided over this meeting and can confirm that these minutes, prepared by the Commission Clerk, were approved by the Commission on 7/9/2024.

Elle Susnis, Chairwoman

Kami Omodt, Commission Clerk