



HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chip Sitton called the Historical Committee Meeting to order at 3:07 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chip Sitton, Nate Day, Jane Raynor, Meredith Hudson, with special guests Reed Hoefling and Katie Webster from the Canyon County Historical Society. Lynn Davis was excused, as she was working on an oral history interview.

2. PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL

- A. March 8, 2023 Historical Committee Minutes
 - B. March 14, 2023 Historical Committee Minutes
- Minutes were accepted as submitted.

3. MEMBER REPORTS

A. Grange Hall Update

Chip Sitton explained the Grange Hall history to the guests. His wife (a real estate agent) is still trying to get an assessment for the fair market value, but it is difficult as the property is neither considered residential nor commercial. There should be an update by next meeting.

B. Oral History Documentation Update

Three interviews were conducted on Wednesday, April 5th with the help of FishDawg Productions and Dean Hagerman, and there are three more being conducted today. Two more days of interviewing are scheduled, completing the first segment of up to fifteen interviews. One result of the interviews has been learning about others to interview. There was a brief discussion regarding the kiosks and where they would be stored, possibly at City Hall or the Riverhouse.

C. Star Area Barn Documentation Update

Chip Sitton explained the project to the guests and reported that there were no updates.

D. Oregon Trail Documentation

Chip Sitton brought attention to the Idaho Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association and thought it might be a good idea to join. They hold meetings and events that could be beneficial for us in exploring the Oregon Trail route near or through Star. Chapter President Jerry Eichhorst is a resident of Boise and Chip has been attempting to contact him. Chip shared a portion of a National Parks Service map showing where the Oregon Trail passed through Star, south of the Boise River and just north of the bench near Joplin Road. The committee may be able to access Bureau of Land Management property or state-owned property in that area to possibly establish an interpretive site where evidence of the trail exists.

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E. Possible Museum Establishment

The committee had established a relationship with Liz Hobson, with the State Historical Society when they visited there a while back. Her advice is to determine a focus and create a scope, and make sure the scope of the museum falls within those plans. They will coordinate with her, as well as draw on Chip Sitton's experience serving on the Museum of North Idaho Board in Coeur d'Alene.

Chip Sitton mentioned possibly attending the AASLH (American Association for State and Local History) Annual Conference in Boise. Once an agenda is published, we can determine if we want to attend and perhaps become members of the association.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Nate Day moved to close the meeting at 3:35 pm. Jane Raynor seconded the motion.