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Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

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Title: **Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (HPAC) Appointment**

Jen Callaway, Town Manager

Recommended Action: That the Town Council appoint Greg Zirbel to the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission for the remainder of a four-year term.

Discussion:

Background

The Commission currently consists of the following members:

- Brandon Brooks, Professional Member
- Kelly Gove, Professional Member
- Bill Kenny, Lay Member
- Carole Sesko, Lay Member
- Vacant, Truckee-Donner Historical Society Member or Professional Member

HPAC Configuration

The HPAC is currently a five-member advisory commission with two professional members with expertise and/or backgrounds in architecture, history, planning, etc.; one representative from the Truckee Donner Historical Society (Historical Society-nominated) or a professional member as described above; and two lay members with special interest, competence, experience or knowledge of Truckee history. The criteria for selecting HPAC commissioners specifies that it is desirable that members reside, work, or own property or a business in the -HP district. Each HPAC member is appointed by the Town Council for a four-year term. The terms are on a rotating schedule so that only a portion of the Commission is up for reconsideration at any one time. The current HPAC terms and appointments created through Resolutions 2016-02 and 2026-07 are shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Current HPAC Terms and Appointments

HPAC Member	HPAC Member Name	Appointment	HPAC Term Expiration Date
1	Vacant	Truckee-Donner Historical Society or Professional	November 2027
2	Brandon Brooks	Professional	November 2029
3	Bill Kenny	Lay Member	November 2027
4	Carole Sesko	Lay Member	November 2029
5	Kelly Gove	Professional	November 2027

Recommended HPAC Appointments

Under the current rotating schedule, the term for the vacant position expires in November 2027.

Staff received one application for the open Commission position from the following individual:

- Greg Zirbel, potential Truckee Donner Historical Society member

This position was previously held by Chaun Mortier, whose resignation from the Commission in February 2026 created a vacancy. Staff recommends that the Council appoint Greg Zirbel to fill the open position. Greg is a longtime Truckee resident who has an interest in historic preservation work. His principal area of interest in Truckee is its history. He has been the president and curator of the Truckee Donner Historical Society for the past 10 years. He is also a woodworker with a focus on building replicas of local historical landmarks, which he believes contributes to preserving Truckee Funk. He hopes to help keep Truckee history alive by preserving the historical character of Truckee.

If appointed to fill the vacant position, Greg would serve the remainder of the vacant appointment term. The appointment would expire in November 2027.

Priority:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure Investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Core Service

Fiscal Impact: None. HPAC terms are reviewed by Council on a rotating schedule every two years.

Public Communication: These HPAC vacancies were noticed in the Sierra Sun in March 2026 and were posted on the Town's webpage.

Attachments: None.