

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes for May 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers, Municipal Building  
911 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pocatello, ID

The meeting began at 6:05 P.M.

**AGENDA ITEM #1: ROLL CALL AND DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND EX-PARTE CONTACT**

Disclose who was talked to, the basic substance of the conversation, and whether the conversation had any influence. Disclose if there is anything personally or professionally that would not allow an impartial or unbiased decision. Disclose if a site visit was done, location(s) of the visit, and what was seen.

**PRESENT:** Jacquee Alvord, Ruta Casabianca, Donald Elston, Elizabeth Fore, Latecia Herzog, Nick Nielson, and Marty Vizcarra.

**EXCUSED:**

**UNEXCUSED:**

**STAFF:** Jim Anglesey, Councilwoman Leeuwrik, and Aceline McCulla.

Nielsen stated he will abstain for Agenda Item 3A, as he is the applicant. No other members had a conflict or Ex-parte contact.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission may wish to approve the meeting minutes from April 21, 2021.

It was moved by **J. Alvord** and seconded by **L. Herzog** to approve the meeting minutes, as written, from April 21, 2021. Those in favor: Alvord, Casabianca, Elston, Fore, Herzog, Nielson, and Vizcarra. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #3: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**A. Nick Nielson** of Nielson Law Office, PLLC has submitted an application for a certificate of appropriateness for door signage at 242 W. Lewis Street, the Block Building.

**Nick Nielson** of Nielson Law Office PLLC stated he moved into this upper floor office and uses this side entrance for his business access. The vinyl decal would be placed on the glass door.

It was moved by **M. Vizcarra** and seconded by **J. Alvord** to approve the request by Nick Nielson at 242 W. Lewis Street, for the door windows as presented, and authorize Vice Chair Herzog to sign the Certificate of Appropriateness. Those in favor: Alvord, Casabianca, Elston, Fore, Herzog, and Vizcarra. Unanimous. Motion carried.

**B. Heather Kyle**, represented by Randy Dixon of Relight the Night, has submitted an application for a certificate of appropriateness for the restoration of historic neon signage at 304 N. Main Street, the Reuss Building, commonly known as the Oasis Bar.

**Randy Dixon** stated he reached out to the owners of the Oasis Bar to restore and paint the 210 Club sign and mount it in the sign's original position, about 12-feet above the ground

It was moved by **L. Herzog** and seconded by **R. Casabianca** to approve the request by Heather Kyle, for a certificate of appropriateness for the restoration of the historic neon signage on the Lewis Street side, and authorize Chair Nielson to sign the Certificate of Appropriateness. Those in favor: Alvord, Casabianca, Elston, Fore, Herzog, Nielson, and Vizcarra. Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. BB&T Rental Properties, LLC, represented by Chris Petersen, has submitted an application for a certificate of appropriateness to replace the upper story windows at 102 S. Main Street, the Pioneer Block Building.

Jonathan Brown and Daryl Thomas (owners), **Chris Peterson** representing BB&T Rental Properties, LLC stated Brown and Thomas are in the process of remodeling the Pioneer Block Building. Peterson noted that all the windows were rotted out and all the window contractors stated they could not be repaired, and needed to be replaced. Peterson was not aware a Certificate of Appropriateness was required. The windows were ordered prior to finding out. The wood trim was not removed and will be painted white. **Brown** stated that the intent was to keep the original windows. The building permits were only for interior work, not exterior work.

Discussion ensued between Commission members and the applicants. **Herzog** let Brown know this building is on the National Historic Preservation Register, and that The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties guidelines must be followed when restoring a registered historic building. If Peterson had acquired the necessary building permits to replace the windows on the exterior of the building, the City Building Department would have flagged the permit request, as a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) is required from the HPC before a building permit may be issued. It was determined that the new windows purchased are not made of compliant materials, are not close in appearance to the original windows, nor the same color. **Vizcarra** recommended that brick work should be added back to provide the historic features removed. **Alvord** addressed the white color of the windows that do not match this historic period or the building itself. **Brown** stated they would not stay white, they planned to paint them with an approved color. **Vizcarra** recommended going back to Booth Architects and visit with them to come up with a better plan to keep the historic integrity and appearance of the historic building. **Brown** agreed to this recommendation and will come back to the HPC with the new design. **Herzog** mentioned they may want to apply for the Façade Loan program, which would help them fix the façade the correct way, as another option available to them. **Brown** stated the façade application was too daunting and time consuming.

It was moved by **J. Alvord** and seconded by **L. Herzog** to close this agenda item and allow the applicant to come back before the Commission with a new plan for the exterior windows and façade work. Those in favor: Alvord, Casabianca, Elston, Fore, Herzog, Nielson, and Vizcarra. Unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4: NATIONAL REGISTRY NOMINATION**

The Bethel Baptist Church will be considered by the Idaho State Historic Review Board for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places and the Commission has been asked to review and provide a recommendation, as well as allow public comment regarding this proposal.

**Dan Everhart** of the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office provided some background on the nomination, provided in the agenda packet.

It was moved by **L. Herzog** and seconded **D. Elston** to recommend approval for the recommendation of the Bethel Baptist Church request for National Register of Historic Places Nomination to the Idaho State Historic Sites Review Board. Those in favor: Alvord, Casabianca, Elston, Fore, Herzog, Nielson, and Vizcarra. Unanimous. Motion carried.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: IDAHO HERITAGE CONFERENCE**

The Commission may wish to discuss items regarding plans for the Idaho Heritage Conference.

**Alvord** requested the HPC create a flyer and then distribute the flyer for the Idaho Heritage Conference.

It was moved by **R. Casabianca** and seconded by **M. Vizcarra** to authorize the HPC to create and distribute the flyer on behalf of the Idaho Heritage Conference.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: THE BRADY CHAPEL CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN**

The Commission may wish to discuss & coordinate plans regarding the Brady Chapel Campaign.

**Alvord** stated she spoke with the Portneuf Valley Partners (PVP) 501c3 organization, who stated PVP could not take on this project.

- Event planning for upcoming events: Memorial Day, Summer Gala, Scavenger Hunt.  
May 31, Memorial Day 11a-5p  
September 27-30, Idaho Heritage Conference  
October 9, Scavenger Hunt  
November 11, Veteran's Day
- Discussion on funding, donors, sponsors and restoration activities.  
This will be discussed at the next meeting.

With no other business, it was moved by **M. Vizcarra** and seconded by **J. Alvord** to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Submitted by: *Aceline McCulla* Approved on: *May 19, 2021*  
Aceline McCulla, Secretary