

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for July 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers, Municipal Building
911 N. 7th Avenue, Pocatello, ID

The meeting began at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA ITEM #1: ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Jacquee Alvord, Stephanie Christelow, Latecia Herzog, Meagan Milder (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), Nick Nielson, Kelsey Stenersen, and William Strength.

STAFF: Councilwoman Leeuwrik, Melanie Gygli, Aceline McCulla, and Terri Neu.

AGENDA ITEM #2: 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.

Strength noted he works part-time as a substitute teacher and grass cutter for the School District 25. **Stenersen** saw floor plans associated for elevations purposes for better understanding. **Alvord** received an email from Bob Meyers with School District 25, several weeks ago, asking for support, which she declined, and she did not read the email. The remaining Commission members had nothing to report.

AGENDA ITEM #3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission may wish to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019.

It was motioned, seconded, and carried (**MSC**) (**S. Christelow, W. Strength**) to approve the minutes as written from the meeting on May 1, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM #4: CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Hummel Architects, representing School District 25, requests a certificate of appropriateness for an addition onto Pocatello High School at 325 N. Arthur Avenue.

Bart Reed, School District 25, 3115 Pole Line Road provided the brick samples, they are trying to maintain the historic integrity. He mentioned the ADA elevator and feel they have accomplished retaining the architecture, they have used an alternative approach matching "The Palace," the main performance gym, on the southeast side of campus.

Jake Rivard, representatives for Pocatello High School, with Hummel Architects, 2785 Bogus Basin Road, Boise clarified the different buildings units. Jared walked the Commission through how they would determine what materials may be utilized, where the addition will be, and the purpose for limited exterior decorations, which are to remove and utilize materials for a future addition. Rivard discussed the elevations on the different floors.

The Commission and the applicant discussed the Indian head sign, materials being removed, and the 1960s building. Clarification on the interior and circulation pattern of the stairway was discussed. The proposed design was determined because of underground utilities and City manhole, which needs to be accessible by the City. For this reason, the jog around the manhole was determined to be the most efficient way. Brick verses panels and windows were also discussed.

Terri Neu, Assistant Planner with the City of Pocatello presented standards from the Municipal Code, as well as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings.

The portions of the existing buildings that are proposed to be removed are not character defining. The distinguishing architectural details will be retained and visible. The addition will be compatible but differentiated from the old and will be compatible with historic materials, features, size, scale, and proportion similar to what was accomplished with "The Palace" in the early 2000s.

Neu mentioned that Steve McCurdy had phoned her prior to this meeting stating he had requested a copy of the School District's application from Courtney Fischer with the School District and as of 3:45 p.m. today, McCurdy had not received the requested materials.

Steve McCurdy, 1354 W. Jordan Hills Drive, South Jordan, Utah mentioned he did not get notice from the School District about the meeting today until 1:00 p.m. He asked the Commission to deny the application, as he does not feel the design meets guidelines. McCurdy was concerned about the safety and ADA necessary compliance, elevations, and obscurity with the new addition. He wants the integrity maintained for Pocatello High School.

Bart Reed mentioned the funding set aside to avoid increasing taxes on its citizens, and they proposed a design that would work well with the students of Pocatello High School and within their budget. The students are excited about the project.

Discussion ensued between the Commission members.

Melanie Gygli, Director of Planning & Development Services with the City of Pocatello, stated that she had spoken with the City Attorney, who recommended the Commission make a decision this evening on the application presented. Gygli noted that if conditions were attached, the applicant could not agree to them tonight, because Board approval is required, because of potential significant financial changes.

It was motioned and seconded (**W. Strength, S. Christelow**) to approve the request by School District 25 for an addition onto Pocatello High School at 325 N. Arthur Avenue, as presented, and have Chair Nielson sign the Certificate of Appropriateness. Those **in favor**: Christelow and Strength. Those **against**: Alvord, Herzog, Mildred, Nielsen, and Stenersen. **Motion did not pass.**

AGENDA ITEM #5: IDAHO 100 WOMEN PROJECT

The Commission may wish to discuss the Idaho 100 Women Project that will take place in 2020.

Christelow stated a Steering Committee was established, and she would forward the information to Leeuwrik.

With no other business, it was **MSC (M. Milder, J. Alvord)** to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M.

Submitted by: Aceline McCulla Approved on: July 17, 2019
Aceline McCulla, Secretary