

Minutes

Idaho City Historic Preservation Commission
Monthly Meeting
December 18, 2024, 6:00 pm
City Hall, Idaho City

Approved
2-19-25


- I. Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call, Establish Quorum 6:06pm
 - a. Quorum – Jameson, Kirkland, McClain. None absent
- II. Approve Minutes (Action item)
 - a. July 17, 2024 approved unanimously, as written (M:McClain, 2nd :Kirkland)
- III. Review Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness
 - a. Trudy Jackson/ Town Dump 301 Main St. – signage, fence, and storage container (Action item)
 - b. All approved unanimously (M:McClain, 2nd :Kirkland)
 - c. Town Dump sign put on metal pole, paint storage container brown. It's light green now. Re: fixing or taking down fence – Commissioners all agreed: If the fence might be a safety hazard or in such disrepair that it was a problem aesthetically, then she should fix it or remove it, either decision, the commissioners would support. (M:McClain, 2nd :Kirkland)
 - d. Annie Tuft – Chicory and Sage – signage at 101 Montgomery (Sarsaparilla building, suite 2) Action item

Annie proposed making her silk banner more permanent (because it was not taught) by inserting rigid material like cardboard between the pieces of material.
 - e. Brent Adamson – Mercantile Bldg. 309 Main St – Report on foundation and wall progress. The whole report was considered either maintenance or interior, so no Certificate was needed.
 - f. Rhonda will send a postcard to both Jean Day and Brent explaining that no Certificate was needed to be issued, but the commissioners were very appreciative of their efforts towards building preservation.
- IV. Code Enforcement

a. Chief of Police – Brent Watson –

After the courtesy letters were sent out in November, the people who were confused, called City Hall, and were assured that everyone in the district got the same letter as a courtesy, they didn't need to do anything because the box was checked "You look great. Thank You!". Roger Jackson was sent an apology postcard because he was sent a letter and he was not in the District. Barbara McClain requested that any letters in the future list the commission as the "Idaho City Historic Preservation Commission, a commission under the City of Idaho City" so it will less likely be confused with the IC Historical Foundation, as it so often is.

The only violations that were deemed egregious enough to have Chief Watson contact them were:

- Rachel O'Brien's "Now Open" sign. She has a newly erected LED Open sign in her window, so there should be no excuse.
- Nancy Holbert and Gary Secor's temporary vinyl main signage and freestanding "Groceries" banner. They were told about the requirements a year ago when they said they were not putting out permanent signage because they were selling the businesses. The building is not known to be currently for sale.

Rhonda will contact Chief Watson.

b. Commissioners' observed new violations since October 30th. None

V. Grant Report – Rhonda Jameson

a. Withdrawal of Chronical Heritage

Rhonda contacted CH at least twice to ask when they were coming out to start the CLG Grant funded project to update National Historic Registry listings. Finally, in November they withdrew their bid to complete the work, presumably because they couldn't do the work for the amount of the first grant award.

b. Getting a new proposal out to SHPO list only. The Commissioners decided to go back to Painter Preservation and ask them if they would still like to be considered for the work. If not, then Rhonda will start asking the other prospects on the SHPO consultant list.

- c. 2024-25 Grant proposal due December 31, 2024 Action item
Rhonda corrected the date of the proposal submission deadline to January 31, 2025.
- d. The commissioners unanimously approved writing the Part 2 grant for \$15,00, pending the recommendations of the new SHPO CLG Coordinator Alexis Matrone. (M:McClain, 2nd :Kirkland)

VI. Old Business

- a. Review Commissioners' Terms/Openings – No nominations were submitted.
- b. Commissioners Carol Kirkland and Rhonda Jameson went to the State Museum in September and reported that there were still no mention of Idaho City or the Basin.

VII. New Business

- a. City Christmas Party invitation – December 20th. Rhonda will go and bring dip.
- b. Nominations for 2024 or 2025 Commendation Award Action item
Rhonda nominated Pam and Brent Adamson to receive this ICHPC award sometime in 2025 "2025 ICHPC/City of Idaho City Award for Excellence in Historic Building Preservation – Boise Basin Mercantile"

VIII. Upcoming Meetings and agenda items

- a. Next monthly meeting January 9, 2025
- b. CLG recommendations for approval to go to City Council to be approved as soon as possible, to be signed by the mayor and city clerk/Treasurer in time for the proposal to be submitted before the January 31, 2025 deadline.