

Idaho County Historic Preservation Commission Agenda/Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 10, 2018
Courthouse
Grangeville, Idaho
1:00 – 3:00 (PST)

*Denotes Agenda Item

- 1:00 -1:15 Regular Meeting Schedule
- 1:15 – 2:00 Possible Gold Point Estimate Grant Discussion
- 2:00- 2:15 Identify Lochsa River Corridor Project Awareness Needs
- 2:15 – 2:30 Idaho County Historic Preservation Commission Website Review/Edits
- <http://idahocounty.org/resources/historic-places-and-preservation/>
 - Add Members, Info on when we meet, create spot for mtg minutes, add email address for questions

Meeting Minutes –

Meeting was called to order at 1:04pm by Chairperson Jamie Edmondson.

Members Present – Jamie Edmondson, Bryan Mahoney, Marge Arnzen, Taffee Schaak, Karen Crosby, Scott Swearinger, Erin Duden, Delbert Mattson, Jim Chemlik. Not Present: Ron Miller Quorum? Yes. Guests: None.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jamie Edmondson. Delbert requested that he be called for meeting confirmations.

November Minutes – Only edit was brought up that needed to be change in the section regarding any new projects that we may be able to get an application submitted before the end of June. Gold Point Restoration project – The Elk City Area Alliance owns the building and not the land. Karen to make changes to minutes. Jamie made a motion to accept the November minutes with the edit. Scott 2nd motion. Everyone approved. Motion accepted.

Meeting Schedule – Jamie asked if the second Monday in the month worked for everyone and everyone agreed. The Bylaws to state the regular meeting to occur on the second Monday of the month at 10am. The change that needs to be done is the time of day when the meeting occurs. Everyone agreed to move the time of meeting from 10am to 1pm. We will read it three consecutive meetings and then we vote on it, and then it becomes permanent in our bylaws. **Action Item:** Taffee will convert the bylaws from pdf to word and make the time of day change from 10am to 1pm. **Action Item:** Jamie will contact SHPO regarding the number of meetings in a year. Jamie brought up suggestions on number of

meetings a year. Possibly meet during the winter time. October – May and not meet during the summer months since folks are un-reachable. Scott suggested that we meet every month except for July, August and September. We tabled the motion and need to find out the required minimum number of meetings. If we don't have nine meetings a year, what happens? Taffee made the motion, Delbert second the motion. Everyone approved. Motion passed.

Possible Gold Point Mill Restoration Estimate Grant Discussion - It is a ball mill built in 1935. We reviewed pictures of the building. Scott and Joe Moody traveled to the site to evaluate the building, took pictures and determine areas needing to be restored. Jamie contacted SHPO and talked to Pete and asked that since the Elk City Area Alliance (ECAA) owns the building and sits on a Mining claim which is federal land. Pete said the mining claim will not affect any CLG money to fix up the building and stabilize it from deterioration. SHPO has to have a joint agreement from the owners of the building, which Jamie was sure that the Elk City Area Alliance would enter into the agreement with SHPO. For SHPO grants there is 36 CLGs competing for \$75k. Usually grants are 3 to 4 thousand dollars. Pete said that if the grant is under \$10k it is a 5 year preservation agreement. Over 10k gets into covenants that actually go on the property deed. Anything like \$25k can't be sought out because ECAA does not have a deed to the property. Some of the SHPO grants have been more and less. Sometimes they don't get as much money that they are promised, so it varies what SHPO receives and varies what CLGs receive. There was a year that there wasn't a project, then it made more money available to another CLG. Grant funding cannot be used to purchase food for workers. Like the sign that is already out at the site, the money came from a different organization. Scott kept track of 9 hours, mileage, meal when Joe and he traveled out to the site for the preliminary estimate work identification on what needed to be done (~800 in matching). Jamie husband spent 2 hours on the previous day, of when Scott and Joe traveled, marking trail. We won't have any trouble in getting our 50/50 match for the grant. Scott shared their findings from their visit. The ball mill sits on the hillside. We'll need 10x10 timbers that are either 14' or 16' long. We'll need generator for running power tools, floor jacks and lifts to take the weight off to level timbers. Jamie asked if Joe could write up cost estimates and Scott didn't think it would be possible for Joe to write up a cost estimate before the end of December deadline. We would need to get approval from USFS to take equipment in behind gate and clear out fallen trees on old road. Jamie didn't think it was feasible to complete a project cost estimate before the end of December deadline. Scott suggested there is cleanup around the building, walkways that can be done, clearing out road. Possibly getting students to take on this type of project during the summer. Adult Supervision is required to utilize youth groups. We were sure how many students were in Elk City. High School Seniors have to have a project to graduate; or the Boy Scouts need a project to make Eagle Scout; there is the Clearwater Basin Youth Corp group. Jamie said they would need someone knowledgeable to supervise work and planning project. Jamie will bring up topic at the next Elk City Area Alliance meeting. Scott could commit to a week next summer; however, he doesn't know enough and would need someone from the ECAA with more expertise than him to assist so he isn't getting rid of the wrong things or doing harm to the building. Erin suggested that it sounds like this project needs to be a phased project to keep under the 5k. Jamie will talk to Pete about having a multi-phased project. Taffee asked Scott about his thoughts on building stability. Buildings are pretty sound, however when they start to go, they go really fast and depends on hard the winters occur and what happens to structure. The

snow comes off the building pretty good. The bottom wall has dropped and started to buckle. This area of the building is the highest risk and priority to be repaired as soon as possible. Jamie asked if it would be possible to get a estimate for the stabilization of this end of building even if we don't raise it? Stabilize the end from any other deterioration. There will be cost associated to shipping in timbers. There is Bill Phillips has a rough-cut mill in Elk City. Tim Lovell has a small mill to cut trees. Example: Are timbers \$300/piece and we need 10 of them? So, we need some numbers. If Joe can tell us to stabilize the bottom end for now and how many timbers; then get cost from somebody else. If Scott and Jim can get information to Jamie soon, then she can start the grant write-up. Jamie didn't want to start the grant write-up until we know if it is feasible or not. Scott will contact Joe to find out what the number one, most important thing to do to stabilize the mill building and later we can do the restoration. Scott said the problem they had was, the roof looks perfect; and when the roof is perfect, it is hard to decide how much of the walls have dropped from center. Its like optical illusion on top of optical illusion. We'll need a laser level. We were on snow and not ground. There is sloping and slippery floors. It was hard to determine how much the building has dropped. Jamie asked how comfortable we are at trying to get information before Christmas and can't get it together, then we postpone until next year. Jamie has been putting bug in the Finland mining corporate folks about our mining heritage and possibly needing financial help or equipment help in stabilizing building. Jim said that Joe has access to timbers and Jamie said we need to find out the shipping costs of what it would take to get timbers to site. Jamie asked if we could we mount the new timbers to the existing timbers for stability as a short-term fix or need to replace timbers for the long-term fix? Do we need a motion to proceed with the grant? Yes. Scott made motion that we authorize Jamie to proceed with writing grant to stabilize building, in 2019 cycle. The amount would only be what we could actually do. Bryan 2nd motion. Everyone approved. Motion passed. **Action Items:** Jamie will start writing grant, Taffee will help out Jamie, and Jamie will get numbers from Scott and Jim. Scott will contact Joe Moody to find out the number of timbers needed and most important area to work on building. Jim will get timber cost estimate and what it would cost to transport timbers to site and what it would take to unload timbers.

Identify Lochsa River Corridor – Commission Awareness Needs. Our Commission will need to make a recommendation one way or the other on the Lochsa River Corridor nomination. We need to decide what kind of information we need to make our recommendation to the Idaho Historical Society Preservation Office. SHPO website has the nomination application. A number of pages have been redacted. There is a lot of information in the nomination application that we cannot access and review to the particulars. The application talks about why the Nez Perce Tribe wants the whole area (750,000 acres). They look at specific camp areas and ritual areas, and want to connect them all. The Nez Perce Tribe feels that the connection between all the areas is just as important and the individual areas themselves. Scott says they use the term intervening spaces quite a bit in the application. So, they are saying the intervening spaces are just as important as the individual sites themselves. The sites themselves are the Trails going to the Buffalo country, the Carns (only 1 or 2 in the area) at the Indian Post Office, and several other sites. They use the term culturally modified trees (CMT), Carns and Trails several times. Culturally modified tree is any tree modified by people, for a purpose for their culture. For example, the Boise National Forest has a lot of Birch and Alder trees that have artwork done on the bark by the Basques. In our area, there are some trees modified by Nez Perce Tribe that are grown in a

certain direction to point out a trail. In British Columbia for example, there is absolutely no logging allowed in an area where there might be or is a culturally modified tree. The culturally modified trees are hard to identify because they are hard to tell naturally modified trees from culturally modified trees. These are the keywords in the nomination document that they are using for justification. Regarding *Syringa*, the sites, building and structures connected with the community are modern intrusions and non-contributing features to the importance of this area. Although archeological sites and Nez Perce traditional places are found within or under sites, building and structures are contributing to the Traditional Cultural Place (TCP). TCP has no real, legal definition/boundary under the Historic Preservation Act. We need to have an expert come talk to us about the keywords (intervening spaces, carns, culturally modified trees, trails, modern intrusions), examine the un-redacted version of document. Are these really justifiable reasons for the nomination? We have to make a recommendation with the information given to the Commission. We need an Archeologist to talk us about the significance or lack thereof. We need a person from the Nez Perce Tribe to explain to us what this document really means, what they really want, and the impact. Impacts could mean no more development, no more logging, no mining. If this nomination passes, 750,000 acres is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service. Yes, there will be co-jurisdiction. Right now this area is Wild n Scenic in the National Forest jurisdiction under the Dept of Agriculture, to co-jurisdiction with the National Park Service which is under the Dept of Interior. This is doubling the bureaucracy. Taffee asked if anyone has read where all these trails are traveled in this area. She has read where the Tribe has been sensitive to opening up the Lolo Motorway to the Public due to vandalism (in years past this area was permitted and only a x amount of users could travel). Taffee hasn't read where there were all these trails that the Tribe traveled and significance of additional trails other than the Lolo Motorway area. There is a lot of significance to the Lolo Motorway Trail, this trail is already listed as a National Historic Trail. Scott is interested in hiring an Archeologist to examine the un-redacted version of the document, who is un-biased and not affiliated with the Review Board, and gives us the facts from the un-redacted version. Telling us how many times a keyword is used and is it justified. How many culturally modified trees are in existence today? Is there a redacted version of the map? Some of the area is under Wild and Scenic designation; 763,000 acres, 1,200 square miles, does the area become defacto wilderness? Delbert has been on three of their trails, almost all of the trails are in the Wilderness area. Concern that this nomination will cripple and put an economic impact on small communities who rely on the billion dollar recreation business to support their families. Jim brought up information about past Supreme Court Case with the Tribe. Taffee brought up the Macbeth house that is a direct part of their heritage, however multiple people have reached out to the Tribe (support and grants) to repair and preserve this place and they have rejected any assistance to restore this heritage. The Macbeth house Nez Perce Tribe history connects with our history, and opens up and solidifies a relationship. The nomination area is as much our heritage as the Nez Perce heritage. **Scott asked the Commission to review both the biographies of the authors and bibliography (sources information) and their authors on page 90. This was to add insight into the nomination and avoid any conflict of interest of any archaeologist who might advise us.** Jamie said that SHPO will give us criteria to evaluate nomination. Scott asked the Board to visit the area prior to their Review Board meeting in March. Delbert asked when the Nez Perce Tribe application re-submittal date will occur. **Action Items:** Jamie will contact SHPO to obtain evaluation criteria-done, un-redacted version of document, Archeologist

referral who is unbiased and not associated to the Review Board, and nomination re-submittal date, and request nomination printout copies and mail to members (Karen, Marge, Delbert)-done. The SHPO Consultants list contains names associated with the Review Board. Scott will contact Nakia Williamson to come speak to Commission about their application. Jim will request a map printout from Kathy – 2 copies to post at the Grangeville Courthouse and Kooskia City Hall.

Idaho County Historic Preservation Commission Website Review/Edits – Action Item: members need to review and see if there is any suggestions for our website. Jamie created a generic email for the Public to contact us. Think about who should be associated to the email address and can respond back to the Public or forward to one of us to respond.

Folks need to fill out their timesheets.

Reviewed January 14th Agenda items:

- Review Previous Commission Roadmap and Project List
- Jamie – SHPO update on # of meetings a year
- Bylaws Review of Regular Meeting Schedule
- Decision on who should be associated to generic email address on our website Idaho County Historic -
- Preservation Commission Website and any updates to content

Delbert made a motion to adjourn. Jim 2nd motion. Everyone voted in favor, no nays. Meeting adjourned at 3pm

Sincerely,

Karen Crosby,
Secretary