



Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

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## Minutes – February 15, 2019

Meeting called to order by Chairman Bernie Zimmerman at 9:01 a.m.

Location: Chamber Meeting Room, Nevada City Hall, 317 Broad Street, Nevada City

Commissioners present: Bernie Zimmerman, Niel Locke, Fran Cole, Elinor Barnes, Audrey Trauntvein, Felicia Tracy, Jim Dierberger, Joe Byrne, and Mike Kochis.

Commissioners absent: Barbara Czerwinski (Hwy 80 closed- her comments were provided by note.)

Guests and Consultants: Jeffrey Thorsby (County Liaison), Jerry Martini (Consultant), and Chuck Scimeca (Consultant)

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mike Kochis.

Approval of minutes from January meeting: **Motion** by Niel, Second by Mike. Approved

### Commissioner's Reports:

#### A. Chairman:

1. Bernie reported that he, Fran, and Felicia made a presentation to the Daughters of the American Revolution which was well received. Ten print copies of ENC were sold and others said that they would buy e-books.
2. Bernie discussed that he had attended the Ethics class put on by the County which raised numerous issues on how we operate.

#### B. Secretary-Treasurer:

Finance. Joe reported on the current financial status of the Commission.

#### C. Promotion Director:

1. Budget. Bernie discussed the need to prepare for next fiscal year's budget meeting which will be on Wednesday, March 27. For next year, the Commission will request \$250 for admin expenses, \$3400 for plaques and \$1100 for videographed oral histories.

### Old Business:

1. Videos. The audio/visual equipment used on our presentations needs to be upgraded. We authorized the purchase audio/visual equipment out of this year's budget.

2. Wolf Plaque: Joe reported that the work on the placement of the plaque will be completed when the ground dries out.

3. Jones Hospital. Nothing new.

4. Golden Era. Nothing new. Drop from agenda.

5. Pioneer Plaque. No Discussion.

6. Ski Museum. Barbara reported that the Nevada County Counsel has determined the **Western America Skisport Museum** (NEV 03) can move if they want. Recommend this subject be removed from NCHLC agenda.

7. Local History Week. Bernie spoke with Scott Lay, Superintendent of Schools who has spoken with his school principals about Landmark's Week. We hope to do something in September or October.

8. Landmark Anniversary Announcements. It was agreed that the North Star House would be the best venue for the celebration. It will be between 5 to 7 and about fifty attendees are anticipated. Felicia and Niel will get volunteers for the food. Bernie will provide the drinks, either through donation or purchase. Joe will gather the funds. Barbara reported the following 2019 anniversaries:

50<sup>th</sup>-1969, April 29 Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

90<sup>th</sup> -1929, California Highway Patrol founded

100<sup>th</sup>-1919, March 16 American Legion founded by Congressional Charter

150<sup>th</sup>-1869, May 10 competition of the Transcontinental Railroad, Promontory, Utah

<https://www.facebook.com/Donner-Summit-Truckee-Golden-Spike-Celebration-263602807830377/>

9. Logging, Felicia reported that Barbara had provided a great deal of information on logging in the Truckee area and that it appeared that the Pendola family was also prominent in the industry up there.

10. Cemeteries. Elinor reported that she had received an application for Rough and Ready Cemetery. She will review with Fran.

11. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Bernie has done a history of the Commission which can be used as a press release. He will provide to Fran for distribution. There was a **MOTION** by Niel, seconded by Mike to request that the Board of Supervisors recognize the anniversary of the Commission and authorize a plaque to be erected at a suitable location commemorating Sally Lewis and the first committee. Niel agreed to do a first draft of the text of such a plaque.

12. Commission Composition. No discussion.

13. Lake Tahoe Railway. Bernie reported that the Union Pacific will pay for the plaque and that the Truckee Donner Railroad society will install up to a cost of \$500 which should be adequate. Barbara further reported that the Site to be determined as an improvement

project around the Union Pacific Railroad station in the Downtown Truckee area is in progress. <https://www.townoftruckee.com/home/showdocument?id=17704>  
<https://www.sierrasun.com/news/local/town-of-truckee-looking-to-relocate-downtown-transit-center/>

14. Ellen Sargent Plaque. Bernie reported that there was interest by some members of the DAR in getting involved with the placement of the Ellen Sargent plaque. Niel mentioned that the sidewalk work that would have allowed for the placement is uncertain as that was to be performed by PG&E.

15. Truckee Roundhouse Plaque. Barbara reported that Truckee Roundhouse Plaque: remains "missing in action" as the Truckee Railyard development is in progress. <https://www.townoftruckee.com/government/community-development/planning-division/growth-and-development/major-development-projects/railyard>

16. Birchville. Chuck Scimeca discussed the history of the armory/church at the Birchville site. The owners are quite keen on having a plaque and Chuck suggested a site visit.

17. Mule Spring Trip. Because of the deep snow, it was suggested that a June or later visit might be necessary.

18. North Columbia Grant. It was determined during the application process that National Landmark or Historic Site designation was required for the Grant.

19. Maintenance Issues.

Pioneer Cemetery. Niel suggested that the City of Nevada City ask the Cemetery Board to take over maintenance.

20. Potential Historic Designations:

Truckee

i. The Truckee Veterans Memorial Building. Barbara reported that on February 1, 2019 the third iteration (April 2017 and January 2018) of the NPS form 10-900 United States Department of the Interior National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form for ***Truckee Veterans Memorial Building and Rocking Stone Tower*** was submitted.

New Business

1. Replacement Plaques. Truckee is in missing some plaques. The two Jibboom St plaques are missing as is the one for the Lake Tahoe Railway. Bernie will follow-up with the Union Pacific to see if they would like to replace the latter plaque.

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Wine Industry. Bernie gave an in-depth review of the early wine industry in Nevada County.

Public Comments:

None

Next Meeting:

March 28th, 2019, 10:00 am. Location Woolman School. Refreshment responsibility Felicia.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:31 am

Minutes approved: March 28, 2019

Respectfully submitted: Joe Byrne, Secretary/Treasurer

