

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

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Minutes of April 16, 2021

Location: Outdoors at Pioneer Park, Nevada City, California.

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

Commissioners present: Bruce Boyd, Mike Kochis, Niel Locke, Jerry Martini, Chuck Scimeca, Felicia Tracy, Audrey Trauntvein, and Bernie Zimmerman

Commissioners absent: Elinor Barnes and Barbara Czerwinski

Guests and consultants: Linda Jack - Nevada County Historical Society

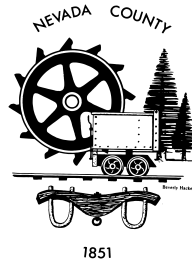
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Niel Locke

Approval of minutes from the previous meeting: Motion to accept by Niel Locke, second by Felicia Tracy. The minutes were approved by vote.

Commissioner's Reports:

A. Chairperson:

1. Bernie Zimmerman was reappointed to the Commission, and has taken the oath of office.
2. Bernie presented Audrey Trauntvein with a ceremonial birth certificate for her son. It has been late in coming, as Covid restrictions have not allowed us to meet in public.



3. We were informed that Ellen Clark Sargent was not selected to the National Women’s Hall of Fame. A public dedication of her plaque, located in Calanan Park, is being considered for August, the 101st anniversary of the 19th Amendment.
4. Bernie asked whether we should attach documents, such as applications, to our agenda. The consensus was to continue our practice of having them available to the public, but not attach them.

B. Secretary-Treasurer:

1. Mike Kochis reported on the current financial status of the Commission. He reported on the budget presentation that Bernie Zimmerman and he made to the County by Zoom. Supervisors Dan Miller and Sue Hoek were in attendance.

C. Promotions Director:

1. Audrey Trauntvein reported all is status quo.

Old Business:

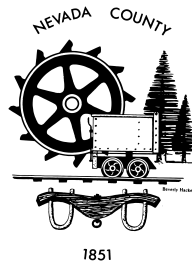
A. Budget: The County is increasing the overhead charges, so if we are granted \$5000 as proposed, the amount available to us will be around \$3300. The post office box bill has risen to \$134 this year. There was discussion of who is responsible for the bill: the County, or the NCHLC. Contact will be made with Barry Anderson to clarify the question.

B. Organic documents revision: Bernie Zimmerman reported he had a conversation with Jeff Thorsby regarding that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has appointed a subcommittee to review the proposed bylaws revision document, regarding recognizing individuals. Bernie will meet with the subcommittee in the near future.

C. Presentations to Supervisors: The BOS is backed up with in-face meeting agenda items. There has been no update on when we may be scheduled to appear.

D. Ethnic community landmarks:

1. **AME churches:** Linda Jack reported that the Grass Valley City Council unanimously approved the application, with large community support. The plaque will be jointly funded by the property owner, the Nevada County Historical Society, and the City of Grass Valley. Niel Locke moved,

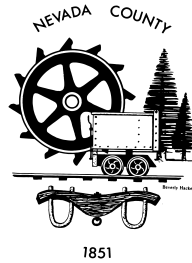


and Jerry Martini seconded, that the NCHLC recommend to the BOS that the AME church be recognized for historical designation. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Linda also reported that no progress is being made on the Nevada City AME site, but she is working on it.

- 2. Kentucky Ridge mine:** The application has been submitted to the BOS. Chuck Scimeca reported that Sarah Holyhead, Administrative Analyst at the County, has a favorable staff rapport and placed it on the April 27th agenda. CEO Allison Lehman wishes to postpone the matter. Chair Bernie Zimmerman will respond with our concern, and that it needs to occur by the May meeting of BOS due to budget concerns. Chuck also reported on the status of the property. It covers three separate parcels of land. The upper mine shaft is located on one property, the lower mine shaft, built several years later, is on another property ,and the Chile Mill site likely is on Craig Rohsen's property. The actual Kentucky Mine Slave property has a very large footprint covering over 100 acres of land crossing both sides of Deer Creek. The plaque language has not been finalized.
 - 3. Chinese rail workers:** Bernie Zimmerman had a long discussion with John Christensen of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum, and will meet to discuss the location for mounting the plaque at the kiosk site in Nevada City. Jerry Martini will work on the language of the plaque.
 - 4. Hirschman's Pond:** The City of Nevada Council will hold a meeting to discuss the application. The Greater Cement Hill Road Neighborhood Association will contribute \$1200 toward the purchase of plaque. A site visit will occur at the conclusion of today's meeting for those interested.
 - 5. Chinese miners:** Nothing new to report. Moved to next year's agenda.
 - 6. North San Juan Protestant Cemetery:** Elinor Barnes is gathering additional information for inclusion in the application.
- E. Idaho-Maryland headframe demolition:** Bruce Boyd sent a letter to City of Grass Valley regarding our concerns, but no response has been received.

F. Truckee Veterans Memorial Building: No update.

New Business:



A. Site visits to the Kentucky Ridge mine and the North San Juan Protestant Cemetery: It was decided to have a stand alone visit. Fridays were deemed the best day to schedule visits. The exact date will be forthcoming.

B. Grass Valley AME Church and School Site application: The topic was discussed earlier.

C. St. Paul's Lutheran Church plaque: Elinor Barnes has been meeting with Debbie Bierwagen, of the Grace Lutheran Church, on the plaque language. A draft was submitted to Bernie Zimmerman for editing, which he returned with three revised versions. Elinor will present them to Debbie Bierwagen for the final choice. Grace Lutheran Church will fully fund the plaque.

Good of the Order:

A. Bruce Boyd showed us a brick and trowel sculpture that he made to be presented to Steve Fry in appreciation of his time and effort in installing our plaques. Niel Locke donated the brick which came from the old Nevada City Elks building that was destroyed by fire in 2002. Elinor Barnes donated the old trowel, which had belonged to her father. The gift and certificate will be presented at an appropriate time.

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting: May 21, 2021

Location: Pioneer Park, Nevada City, California

Refreshment responsibility: Chuck Scimeca

Meeting adjourned at: 10:36 a.m.

Minutes approved: May 21, 2021

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kochis - Secretary/Treasurer