



**Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission**

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**Minutes of June 19, 2020**

**Location:** Chamber Meeting Room, City Hall, 317 Broad St., Nevada City, California 95959

**Meeting called to order by:** Chair Bernie Zimmerman at 9:02 a.m.

**Commissioners present:** Elinor Barnes, Joe Byrne, Barbara Czerwinski, Mike Kochis, Niel Locke, Jerry Martini, Felicia Tracy, Audrey Trauntvein, and Bernie Zimmerman.

**Commissioners absent:** Bruce Boyd.

**Guests and consultants:** Chuck Scimeca, Jeff Thorsby.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Felicia Tracy

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

**Commissioner's Reports:**

**A. Chairperson:**

1. Bernie Zimmerman received correspondence from Dave Comstock. One item is concerning the old Salvation Army building in Grass Valley, on South Auburn street, which he would like to consider landmarking. Jerry Martini will take on the research.

The second item concerns the Loma Rica Ranch. There are significant historical items on the property, such as Nisenan sites, Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad, and a World's Fair fountain. There are long term plans to develop the property with homes and businesses. He will turn this over to Bruce Boyd to follow.

2. Jeff Thorsby reported that due to backlogs created by the Covid 19, it will take time to catch up with scheduled events.

**B. Secretary-Treasurer:**

1. Mike Kochis reported on the current financial status of the Commission.

**C. Promotions Director:**

1. Audrey Trauntvein brought copies of the new edition of our book.

**Old Business:**

1. **Election:** All the current officers have agreed to stay in their positions for another term. A motion to retain the officers by acclamation was made by Niel Locke, and seconded by Felica Tracy. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. **Organic documents revision:** Nothing new to report.
3. **Presentations to Supervisors:** Jeff Thorsby asked if we would consider an virtual presentation, but Bernie felt it would not be as effective as an in person presentation. Jeff Thorsby informed us that the Board of Supervisors will resume live meetings next week, and we could possibly present at a meeting in late July or August.
4. **Logging:** Nothing new to report
5. **Cemeteries:** Nothing new to report
6. **Birchville plaque:** Chuck Scimeca has the plaque, and will be responsible for its installation. A small unveiling ceremony will be held. Date to be determined.
7. **Sally Lewis plaque:** Niel Locke has the plaque and will schedule installation at a convenient time.
8. **Ellen Sargent plaque:** The plaque design has been approved, and submitted for fabrication to Julie's Sign Shop in Reno. To date, deposits have not been made by the various participating groups to proceed with the fabrication.
9. **Shebley's Pond:** Nothing new to report.
10. **Ethnic Community Landmarks:** Linda Jack has been working with the current property owners of the Alexander property. Dennis Drummond Carter, an influential African American in Nevada City in 1850 - 1880, was discussed. The African American Methodist Church will be explored. Elinor Barnes reported that she has been researching the German Community. She only found

mention of a hotel and resources are lacking at the current time. The Lutheran Cemetery in Chicago Park was discussed. Bernie discussed the Chinese community in relation to mining. He has had discussion with Hank Meals, local historian of the Yuba watershed. The communities tended to be in remote locations. The possible recognition of the Chinese railway workers at the Donner Summit was discussed. Barbara Czerwinski does not think a landmark is feasible.

11. **Idaho-Maryland Mine:** Nothing new to report

12. **Edward Crossing Bridge:** Nothing new to report

13. **Potential Historic Designations:**

**A. Historic Schools:**

1. **Lime Kiln:** Nothing to report.

2. **Indian Springs:** Nothing to report.

**B. Truckee Veterans Memorial Building and Rocking Stone Tower:** Nothing to report.

**C. The McGlashan Butterfly Collection:** Mr. McGlashan has agreed to sign the application.

**New Business:**

1. None

**Good of the Order:**

1. It is felt that Nevada County does not have any offensive monuments.

2. Niel Locke shared the pamphlet “Gold Nuggets of Nevada County” which was published in the 1950’s.

3. Niel Locke will look into a monument to aviation on Cashin’s field in Nevada City.

**Public Comments:** None

**Next Meeting:** July 17, 2020

**Location:** A virtual meeting will be scheduled.

**Refreshment responsibility:** TBD

**Meeting adjourned at:** 10:45 a.m.

**Minutes approved:** July 17, 2020

**Respectfully submitted:** Mike Kochis - Secretary/Treasurer