

**Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission**

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**Minutes of July 16, 2021**

**Location:** Sierra Mountain Cemetery, 10370 E. Jibboom St., Truckee, California.

**Meeting called to order by:** Chair Bernie Zimmerman at 9:00 a.m.

**Commissioners present:** Elinor Barnes, Bruce Boyd, Barbara Czerwinski, Niel Locke, Jerry Martini, Chuck Scimeca, Felicia Tracy, Audrey Trauntvein, and Bernie Zimmerman

**Commissioners absent:** Mike Kochis

**Guests and consultants:** Grace Suarez, Jeff Thorsby, Ed Czerwinski, Choun Mortier, Greg Zirbel, Jim and Elaine Dierberger.

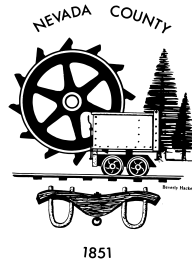
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Chuck Scimeca

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

**Commissioner's Reports:**

**A. Chairperson:**

1. Bernie Zimmerman reported that the Wikipedia article on Negro Flat has disappeared. He also reported that Promotions is having difficulty getting The Union to respond to press releases and a meeting has been set with them to discuss. Discussed problems with invoices getting paid due to various glitches with submittals. Jeff Thorsby assured the committee that these invoices will be back dated to last fiscal year.



**B. Vice Chairperson:**

1. Barbara Czerwinski reported that the McGlashan Butterfly Collection is now open for viewing at the Truckee Community Center. Also, Lamson-Cashion Donner Summit Hub has opened on Donner Summit near the Tunnel 6 Shift site. There are two grants in the works to build a trailhead that would be called the Donner Summit Hub where the Donner Summit Tunnel plaque is located.

**B. Secretary-Treasurer:**

1. Mike Kochis was absent. He sent an expenditure status report to all members.

**C. Promotions Director:**

1. Audrey Trauntvein reported on social media followers. Instagram: 1655. Facebook: 1221.

**Old Business:**

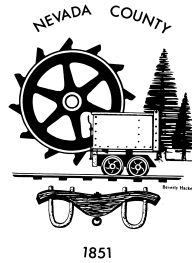
**A. Taylor Home:** Per Jeff Thorsby, the application is in the pipeline for the August 10th meeting of the Board of Supervisors. Jerry Martini will check with the owner to see if we could possibly have our next meeting there, or do a site visit soon.

**B. Organic documents revision:** Still in progress.

**C. Presentations to Supervisors:** Jeff Thorsby will bring the request back to the Board of Supervisors now that they are meeting in person again.

**D. Diverse landmarks:**

1. **AME churches:** The Grass Valley plaque will mostly be paid by the city; no word yet from Linda Jack on when. Nothing to report on the Nevada City AME church.



2. **Kentucky Ridge mine site:** The application has been approved, with a press release and resolutions sent out and posted on social media and our website. There has been an issue with the plaque in regards to sales tax, Jeff Thorsby will see if he can help sort it out.

3. **Hirschman's Pond:** The application has been approved, with a press release and resolutions sent out and posted on social media and our website. The plaque is being done by Grass Valley Signs, and is estimated to be done in late August, or early September, and Steve Fry will fabricate the pedestal once the plaque is done.

**E. North San Juan Protestant Cemetery:** The application has been approved. A press release, resolutions, and social media posts will be sent out on Friday. Discussion on plaque continues.

**F. St. Paul's Lutheran Church plaque:** Elinor Barnes reported that it has been delayed.

**G. Jewish headstones:** An article was sent to the Union by Bernie Zimmerman, and we are hoping it will be published soon.

#### **H. Potential Landmarks:**

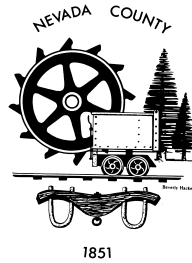
1. **Chinese rail workers:** We are working with the NCSGRR Museum, and hoping that the San Francisco Chinese Historical Society can help with this as well. The Donner Vista Point plaque is in discussion, as there are a few potential plaque sites, but it must be done in conjunction with CalTrans. These potential sites are an important effort to recognize part of our history that has mostly been hidden.

2. **Mule Spring:** Lee Schegg is working on the application.

3. **Rice's Crossing:** A field trip was suggested by Chuck Scimeca. He has created a presentation to do for the Army Corps of Engineers, but they likely won't look at it until their slow season in the winter. This is not forgotten, just delayed.

4. **First Winery:** There is ongoing discussion on exactly which building on Broad St. in Nevada City, would have housed the liquor store where the wine was sold out of the back.

5. **Chinese miners:** We will put the Chinese Rail Workers more at the top of the priority list, and this topic will be addressed at a later date. We are hoping for assistance from the Chinese Historical Society.



**I. Loma Rica Development:** Bruce Boyd reported that the Castle Company now owns the development, and are supposed to supply a new EIR even though construction has already begun. There should be a new comment period coming up. They are potentially open to landmarking. If the current Specific Plan is followed, some of the historic barns, home, grinding stones, pond, and fountain will be saved.

**New Business:**

**A. Nevada City Chinese Cemetery:** Bernie Zimmerman has been in contact with the Chinese Historic Society out of San Francisco, as they have a cultural easement over the Chinese Cemetery, in Nevada City, and we will work together to landmark in the future.

**B. Sargent ceremony:** The 101st Anniversary of the 19th Amendment is coming in August. A committee of three was created to plan a more public plaque unveiling ceremony on August 26th at 10 am. The committee will consist of Bernie Zimmerman, Niel Locke, and Audrey Trauntvein.

**C. Lewis plaque dedication:** Niel Locke is in discussion with the theatre about getting the plaque put up now that it is opening up again.

**D. Stewart House:** Pushed discussion to the next meeting.

**Good of the Order:**

**A.** Elinor Barnes visited Roslyn Cemetery in Roslyn, Washington. The cemetery burial areas are divided by ethnicity and race.

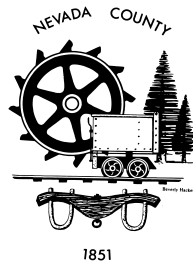
**B.** Invite Sarah Holyhead, Administrative Analyst II for the County of Nevada, to our next meeting.

**Public Comments:** None

**Next Meeting:** August 20, 2021

**Location:** Taylor Home, 652 Linden Ave, Grass Valley, California.

**Refreshment responsibility:** Bring your own.



**Meeting adjourned at:** 1:40 pm

**Minutes approved:** August 20, 2021

**Respectfully submitted:** Audrey Trauntvein and Bruce Boyd.