

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission

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Minutes of August 20, 2021

Location: Remote access through online video conferencing, or phone, due to the Covid 19 shelter in place in accordance with procedures established by Governor Newsom and the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, in regards to holding public meetings.

Meeting called to order by: Chair Bernie Zimmerman at 9:10 a.m.

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

Commissioners absent: Bruce Boyd

Guests and consultants: Linda Jack

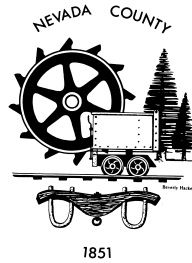
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Bernie Zimmerman.

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 reported on positive feedback and thank you posts on our website.
2. Bernie also reported that Chuck Scimeca is working on getting the Kentucky Flat school plaque moving forward.



3. Bernie and Audrey Trauntvein met with the editor of the Union to discuss better ways of publishing our articles.

B. Vice Chairperson:

1. Barbara Czerwinski reported that the Masons have finally hung their 150th plaque. She would like to make a indoor plaque for the McGlashan Butterfly Collection, and would like the Commission to sponsor it. Niel Locke moved, with a second by Barbara, that the Commission fund a bronze plaque for the McGlashan Butterfly Collection. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
2. The Truckee Veterans Memorial Building has not been added to the national database, due to a system backlog. The plaque will be dedicated on November 11, 2021.

C. Secretary/Treasurer:

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

D. Promotions Director:

1. Audrey Trauntvein reported that she is working on the Ben Taylor home press release. Changes to the rack cards, and their value of meeting our needs were discussed. Audrey will work on a new version for the next meeting.

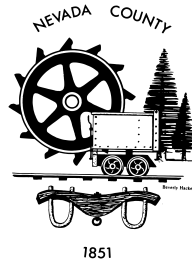
Old Business:

A. Taylor Home: Landmark status was granted by the BOS. Jerry Martini reported that we will tour the site at a future date. The owners will pay for the plaque.

B. Sargent ceremony: Bernie Zimmerman reported that the rededication ceremony planned for August 26th has been indefinitely postponed. Felicia Tracy reported on the film “Golden Stories of Our Past: Women’s Suffrage” on past Nevada County residents Aaron Sargent and Ellen Clark Sargent, who were instrumental in winning the women’s right to vote with the signing of the 19th Amendment. It is scheduled to be shown on September 10th, at the Nevada Theatre.

C. Organic documents revision: Nothing new to report.

D. Presentations to Supervisors: Nothing new to report.



E. Diverse landmarks:

- 1. AME churches:** Linda Jack reported that the Grass Valley Historical Commission is working on the plaque. She is getting quotes on fabrication costs. The Nevada City site owners have sold the property. Desmond Gallagher, of the Nevada County Historical Society, will meet with the new owners regarding continuing the process of landmarking.
- 2. Kentucky Ridge mine site:** Chuck Scimeca has possession of the plaque, and he, along with Steve Fry will install it very soon.
- 3. Hirschman's Pond:** Bernie Zimmerman reported that issues have arisen within the Greater Cement Hill Neighborhood Association, but they will stay with their commitment to pay for the plaque, and will accept the current wording of the plaque. We will pay for the installation of the plaque. The pros and cons of holding a dedication ceremony was discussed. No decision was made at this time.

E. North San Juan Protestant Cemetery: The Nevada County Cemetery District has limited funds for purchasing a plaque, so it is likely the site will be recognized without a plaque.

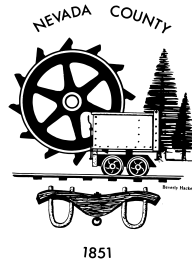
F. St. Paul's Lutheran Church plaque: Elinor Barnes reported that the church is dissatisfied with the progress of the plaque fabrication. Elinor will try to resolve the issue.

G. Jewish headstones: Bernie Zimmerman reported that his article was published in the Union.

H. Lewis plaque dedication: Niel Locke reported that Jane Primrose, chairman of Nevada Theatre Commission, reported that the theatre is being renovated at this time, with no plans for a date at this time.

I. Potential Landmarks:

- 1. Chinese rail workers:** Bernie Zimmerman and Jerry Martini have been working with the Nevada County Historical Society Railroad Museum members on plaque wording, and with Steve Fry, and Dawn Zydonis of the Nevada City Parks and Recs Department, on the location for placement of the plaque. The museum will sponsor the plaque.
- 2. Mule Spring:** No report.



3. Rice's Crossing: Chuck Scimeca will meet with the Army Corp of Engineers ranger in September to discuss our proposal.

4. First winery: No report.

5. Chinese miners: Deferred to a future agenda.

6. Stewart House: The home is located in Nevada City on Zion St., and is currently landmarked by the Commission, along with the Clampers. No further action is necessary.

J. Loma Rica Development: Felicia Tracy has been in contact with former residents of the Loma Rica Ranch, whose father's were managers under McBoyle, Gilmore, and Knoop, and has access to a collection of photos and documents. Felicia reported on some of the history of the ranch, and its role in the breeding and training of race horses.

New Business:

A. Schwartz home in Washington: No further communication has been received from the owners.

B. Chinese Cemetery: An application will be forthcoming. Progress is being made.

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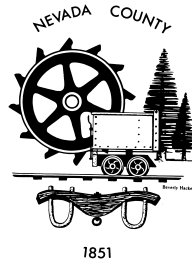
A. Barbara Czerwinski reported that Chinese Kilns are located on the Greenwood Golf Course in Truckee, and would like us to consider landmarking them.

B. Chuck Scimeca reported meeting three individuals doing research on the history of Lake Wildwood. They expressed interest in finding information on a cemetery located by the Williams Ranch school in Penn Valley.

C. Jerry Martini asked if there was a way to link our Facebook site to other Nevada County sites.

Public Comments: None

Next Meeting: September 17, 2021



Location: Zoom

Refreshment responsibility: None

Meeting adjourned at: 10:45 a.m.

Minutes approved: September 17, 2021

Respectfully submitted: Mike Kochis - Secretary/Treasurer