

DRAFT MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Historic Resources Commission
Thursday, May 8, 2014 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Sierra Room, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Commission Members:

Chair – Jed Block Commissioner – Elizabeth Dickey Commissioner – Gregory Hayes Commissioner – Lou Ann Speulda	Vice Chair – Robert Darney Commissioner – Mike Drews Commissioner – Donald Smit
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Staff:

Lee Plemel, Community Development Director
Joseph Ward, Senior Deputy District Attorney
Susan Dorr Pansky, Planning Manager
Tamar Warren, Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

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A. CALL TO ORDER AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (5:30:12) – A quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Jed Block	Present	
Robert Darney	Present	
Elizabeth Dickey	Present	
Mike Drews	Present	
Gregory Hayes	Present	
Donald Smit	Present	
Lou Ann Speulda	Present	

B. PUBLIC COMMENTS (5:30:42) – None.

C. ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(5:31:33) – MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2013 meeting as presented.

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Drews
SECONDER:	Hayes
AYES:	Block, Darney, Drews, Dickey, Hayes, Smit, Speulda
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

D. MODIFICATION OF AGENDA (5:32:55) – None.

E. **DISCLOSURES** (5:1:50) – Commissioner Dickey disclosed her interaction with Peter Barton regarding agenda item F1, “in the capacity of my duties at NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation)”. Commissioner Drews disclosed his membership to the Nevada State Prison Steering Committee (agenda item F4). Chairperson Block announced that he is a neighbor of Robyn Laguzza (agenda item F2).

F. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

F-1 HRC-14-014 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM THE NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM (PROPERTY OWNER: STATE OF NEVADA, DIVISION OF STATE LANDS) TO INSTALL A NEW LED FREESTANDING SIGN, LANDSCAPING AND OTHER MINOR IMPROVEMENTS ON PROPERTY ZONED PUBLIC (P), LOCATED AT 2180 SOUTH CARSON STREET, APNS 003-302-02 AND 003-302-04.

(5:33:46) – Ms. Dorr Pansky presented the agenda materials incorporated into the record, recommending approval.

(5:38:32) – Peter Barton, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums and History, explained the importance of the sign, noting that more than half the visitors to the museum had done so at the “spur of the moment”. Discussion ensued regarding illuminated signage.

(5:42:01) – Commissioner Smit noted that the sign was large and “mimicked a billboard”. He recommended a more “period-style” sign. Vice Chairperson Darney recommended a sign more “in context of the Railroad Museum”. Discussion ensued regarding the sign location.

(5:45:31) – Commissioner Dickey noted that she had discussions with the State Historic Preservation Office and the Railroad Museum, stating that the sign had been simplified as a result.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:46:25) – John Shelton, Executive Director of the Brewery Arts Center (BAC), noted that “signage issues will be an issue”, as the BAC would also require signage.

(5:48:55) – Commissioner Speulda expressed her preference to the “gable roof” atop the sign.

(5:50:04) – **MOTION: I move to approve HRC-14-014 a request from the Nevada State Railroad Museum (Property Owner: State of Nevada, Division of State Lands) to install a new freestanding LED monument sign, landscaping, and other minor improvements on property zoned Public (P), located at 2180 South Carson Street, APNs 003-302-02 and 003-302-04; with the finding that the proposed project lies outside of the west side National Registered Historic District and is appropriate for the setting based upon the standards and guidelines for rehabilitation, Carson City Historic District Guidelines and the Historic Resources Commission policies.**

RESULT:	APPROVED (4-2-1)
MOVER:	Drews
SECONDER:	Hayes
AYES:	Block, Drews, Hayes, Speulda
NAYS:	Darney, Smit
ABSTENTIONS	Dickey
ABSENT:	None

F2. HRC-14-020 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM PROPERTY OWNER ROBYN LAGUZZA TO REPLACE THE FRONT YARD PICKET FENCE AND REPLACE THE FRONT PORCH RAILING AND STEPS ON PROPERTY ZONED SINGLE FAMILY 6000 (SF6).

(5:51:58) – Ms. Dorr Pansky presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record, and recommended approval of the project. She also noted that Ms. Laguzza was present in the audience.

(5:55:25) – Commissioner Drews received confirmation that the front steps would be replaced “in kind”.

(5:55:50) – Commissioner Hayes suggesting “squaring off at the top” of the fence. Discussion ensued.

(6:06:10) – **MOTION: I move to approve HRC-14-020, a request from property owner Robyn Laguzza, to replace the front yard picket fence with wire and wood fence as presented, or a curved wire and steel fence; and replace the front porch railing and steps on property zoned Single Family 6000 (SF6), located at 506 West Spear Street, APN 003-232-01, based on the findings and conditions of approval outlined in the Staff Report, the Standards and guidelines for rehabilitation, Carson City Historic District Guidelines, and consistent with Historic Resources Commission policies.**

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Drews
SECONDER:	Hayes
AYES:	Block, Darney, Drews, Dickey, Hayes, Smit, Speulda
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

F-3 HRC-14-024 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM PROPERTY OWNERS CLIFFORD AND HOLLY HANSEN FOR HISTORICAL TAX DEFERMENT STATUS, ON PROPERTY ZONED SINGLE FAMILY 6,000 (SF6), LOCATED AT 406 MOUNTAIN STREET, APN 003-241-06, based on the findings and conditions of approval outlined in the Staff Report, the Standards and guidelines for rehabilitation, Carson City Historic District Guidelines, and consistent with Historic Resources Commission Policies. I’d like to add the stipulation that contingent on this approval, that the damaged or leaning panels of the existing fence on Mountain Street be repaired or be in the process of being repaired.

(6:09:15) – Ms. Dorr Pansky presented the agenda materials, which are incorporated into the record. She also noted that tax deferment requests did not occur as often.

(6:11:30) – **MOTION: I move to approve HRC-14-024, a request from property owners Clifford and Holly Hansen for Historical Tax Deferment Status, on property zoned Single Family 6,000 (SF6), located at 406 Mountain Street, APN 003-241-06.**

RESULT:	APPROVED (7-0-0)
MOVER:	Darney
SECONDER:	Smit
AYES:	Block, Darney, Drews, Dickey, Hayes, Smit, Speulda
NAYS:	None
ABSTENTIONS	None
ABSENT:	None

F-4 HRC-14-029 DISCUSSION ONLY TO PROVIDE INPUT TO THE NEVADA STATE PRISON STEERING COMMITTEE ON THEIR DRAFT REPORT TO THE NEVADA STATE LEGISLATURE ENTITLED *THE FUTURE OF THE NEVADA STATE PRISON*, PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 356.

(6:13:07) – Ms. Dorr-Pansky Noted that the presentation would be conducted by the Nevada State Prison Steering Committee (NSPSC).

(6:13:36) – Assemblyman Pete Livermore gave background and applauded the efforts of NSPSC and stressed its historical contribution.

(6:16:28) – Glen Whorton, President of the Nevada State Prison Preservation Society (NSPPS), presented the agenda materials which are incorporated into the record, detailing the background and the contents of AB356.

(6:41:11) – Upon Commissioner Drews’ request, NSPSC members gave an update on the National Historic Register activities. Discussion ensued regarding the register.

(6:49:53) – Chairperson Block inquired about the group’s non-profit status and was informed that it had just been granted and that the group would solicit tax exempt donations and explore grants.

(6:56:34) – Ms. Dorr Pansky encouraged public input prior to finalizing the report in September.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:57:41) – Vern Krahn, Carson City Park Planner and Cultural Commission Liaison, read several email comments by Cultural Commission members, incorporated into the record, who could not attend this meeting.

(7:05:02) – John Shelton, Chair, Carson City Arts Coalition, expressed their support of the NSPSC and cited several examples of thriving artists’ colonies, noting that such opportunities could also exist at the prison.

(7:09:29) – Mr. Krahn, speaking as a Carson City citizen at this time, presented a handout, incorporated into the record, about The Generator, an exclusive art space in Sparks, serving the greater Reno area.

G. STAFF REPORTS

PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION.

(7:14:39) – Ms. Dorr Pansky noted that over 75 percent of their requested Historic Preservation Fund grant would be approved, which would amount to \$15,500.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS. (7:15:59) – Chairperson Block wished to explore Historic District signage for arts and culture and the BAC. Ms. Dorr Pansky noted that she had been in conversations with Mr. Shelton regarding a master signage plan for the BAC campus. Commissioner Drews thanked the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the Nevada Sesquicentennial Celebration playing cards.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS. – None

H. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(7:18:19) – Rebecca Palmer, Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, suggested discussing a Carson City agreement negotiated between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), SHPO, and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California regarding the transfer of BLM land to Carson City Open Space. Ms. Palmer advised hearing the contents and the outcome of those documents.

I. ACTION ON ADJOURNMENT (7:20:30) – Commissioner Drews moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hayes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The Minutes of the May 8, 2014 Carson City Historic Resources Commission meeting are so approved this 10th day of July, 2014.

JED BLOCK, Chair