



# TETON COUNTY, IDAHO

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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### MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

#### 1) ROLL CALL

**Commission Members Present:** James Schoen (Chair), Barbara Agnew (Vice-Chair), Vancie Turner, Erica Rice, Mike Merigliano.

**Commission Members Absent:** Cody Downard, Joe Moody.

**Others Present:** Doug Self, City of Driggs, Kirk Huffaker, KHPS.

#### 2) CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:00 pm, the Chair finding a quorum of commissioners in attendance.

#### 3) ACTION ITEMS

##### a) **Approval of June 27, 2023 and July 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

*Commissioner Barb Agnew moved to approve the June 27, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mike Merigliano seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.*

*Commissioner Mike Merigliano moved to approve the July 25, 2023 meeting minutes with one change correcting the survey's end date to August 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Commissioner Erica Rice seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

##### b) **Change of Date for October Meeting**

*Commissioner Barb Agnew moved to change the October meeting date from 10/31 to 10/24. Commissioner Mike Merigliano seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.*

#### 4) PUBLIC COMMENT / CORRESPONDENCE

None.

#### 5) DISCUSSION ITEMS

##### a) **Historic Preservation Plan Work Session**

Kirk Huffaker, historic preservation planning consultant, presented final results of the public survey, noting that there had been a healthy 120 responses.

Approximately 85% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that historic

preservation is a worthwhile goal within Teton County. Approximately 5% strongly disagreed. Approximately 90% agreed that Teton County needs more historic sites identified and marked. There was strong support for most program areas, particularly for designations and education. Most believed “historic” should include Pioneer Era, Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century, and Agricultural Buildings. The least popular personal reasons for historic preservation were those related to boosting the economy and tourism.

There was some discussion of folk-tradition and cultural historical elements. Mr. Huffaker noted that there was much folk-tradition actually present in the physical buildings, such as certain styles, craftsmanship, etc. There was also discussion around the need to compliment what other entities, such as the Teton Valley Museum, are doing.

Mr. Huffaker led a discussion of goals for the county’s historic preservation plan and reviewed the three proposed goal categories (along with “Other”):

- Documentation, Survey, Designation
- Public Education
- Policy

Mr. Huffaker listed the type of projects under each goal, the considerations the Commission may want to make when selecting goals, and asked each commissioner to come up with around 5 goals, distributed across the categories.

**b) Other Discussion Items:**

- i) Commissioner Vancie Turner highlighted the great exhibit at the county fair that included a trapper encampment.

**6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The commissioners did not identify any additional agenda items for the September meeting.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Mike Merigliano moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Erica Rice seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.*