



# TETON COUNTY, IDAHO

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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### MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

1) ROLL CALL

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

**Commission Members Absent:** Erica Rice.

**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 September 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

*Commissioner Vancie Turner moved to approve the September 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Barb Agnew seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioner Polly Hart abstaining and all others voting in favor.*

4) PUBLIC INPUT

a) None.

5) DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) **Historic Preservation Plan Work Session**

Kirk Huffaker, historic preservation planning consultant, presented an overview of the schedule, noting that a first draft would be submitted to the Commission in January, 2024, and then a second draft in May, 2024.

Mr. Huffaker presented a draft vision statement: *Historic preservation in Teton County represents the nexus of place, history, and culture. The county's historic preservation program utilizes historic resources as tangible reminders to preserve and enhance the rural heritage of Teton Valley amid growth and evolution. The Teton County Historic Preservation Commission embraces telling the stories of the broader community, making information more accessible to all,*

*increasing collaborations, and expanding interpretation to connect history to the land and to each other.*

The commissioners discussed replacing “nexus of” with “connects” and “utilizes” with “uses”, and eliminating “rural”, so that the vision statement would then read: *Historic preservation in Teton County connects place, history, and culture. The county’s historic preservation program uses historic resources as tangible reminders to preserve and enhance the heritage of Teton Valley amid growth and evolution. The Teton County Historic Preservation Commission embraces telling the stories of the broader community, making information more accessible to all, increasing collaborations, and expanding interpretation to connect history to the land and to each other.*

Mr. Huffaker reviewed two lists of goals, one combined by goal category and the other by timeline. Mr. Huffaker presented several options for deciding what geographic area to focus the reconnaissance level survey on. After discussion, the commissioners agreed that Option B – focusing on the three towns and major roadways – was preferred. Mr. Huffaker noted that this would be penciled in for a 2025 Certified Local Governments grant application.

Mr. Huffaker walked through the goals/tasks timelines, observing that there is a certain order to the work, much of which is based on data collection. With regard to the local landmark registry goal, Mr. Huffaker noted that there is an example of a local landmark registry map in Teton County, Wy, that he would share.

Under Education, Mr. Huffaker stated that a first step would be formation of a subcommittee, followed by identification of partners to implement the goals. Commissioner Barb Agnew said she has made contact with a local person who can help communicate with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. Jamie noted that one of the action items - scheduled for 2024 - was to develop a working relationship with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

The commissioners discussed under Policy the goal of crafting a local landmark ordinance and the opportunity to borrow from other communities. There was discussion of adding a mitigation requirement, and Mr. Huffaker offered the example of requiring documentation of a building before it is demolished if it was over 50 years old. The commission discussed the types of documentation that it could adopt as a standard.

The commission discussed the frequency of National Historic Register nominations and agreed that every other year would be a reasonable goal. Mr. Huffaker stated that the Historic Preservation Plan is proposed to be updated in

2033, and then reviewed progress in Oneida County as an example of the progression of work.

**b) Other Discussion Items:**

- i) Commissioner Vancie Turner noted that the County had printed the BYU thesis of Brian Green on the settlement of Teton Valley, and she could make that available to others.
- ii) Doug Self stated that the FY23 Certified Local Governments grant for \$2500 to support commissioner training had been executed. The State requested that training opportunities be submitted for approval prior to registering for events. Kirk Huffaker suggested the Saving Places Conference in Colorado in early 2024 (determined to be January 31, 2024 in Boulder) as a good option to consider.
- iii) Commissioner Agnew stated that she had a video disc of a history presentation to share with the commissioners and museum.

**6) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**7) ADJOURNMENT**

*Commissioner Mike Merigliano moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jamie Schoen seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:50 p.m.*