

# MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC COMMISSION CITY OF HAYDEN, KOOTENAI COUNTY, IDAHO

Thursday, August 11, 2022  
Regular Commission Meeting: 3:00pm  
Council Chambers

Hayden City Hall, 8930 N Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm.

## ROLL CALL OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Judy Eichelberger, Chair	Present
Barbara Bennett, Vice-Chair	Present
Rhonda Budvarson	Present
Lee Zink	Present

## STAFF PRESENT

Scott Forssell, Mayor  
Donna Phillips, Community Development Director/Commission Liaison  
Sabrina Primmer, Commission Clerk

## ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

## CONSENT CALENDAR *All Items on the Consent Calendar are Action Items*

Commissioner Zink made a motion to approve the minutes from June 16, 2022. Vice-Chair Bennett seconded. All Commissioners voted in favor. Motion carried.

## VISTOR/PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Forssell, Mayor for the City of Hayden, stopped in to briefly visit with the Commission. He gave his background of where he was born and his career path that eventually led him to move to Hayden 30 years ago. He worked for the Bureau of Land Management and has been retired for 10 years. He was elected by the City Council earlier this year as the interim mayor. He has never held a public office before. He mentioned that he has always been interested in history and that his wife, Stephanie Snook, has done a lot with genealogy. Chair Eichelberger wondered if Ms. Snook would be interested in joining the Historic Commission. Mayor Forssell stated that he would mention it to her.

Mayor Forssell left the meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Day to Day Lives of Extraordinary People Vol I and Hayden History Book Vol II:

It was decided that Gray Dog Press would be the best option for publishing the books. Chair Eichelberger, Vice-Chair Bennett, and Commissioner Budvarson will pay them a visit the first part of September to get more information.

Vice-Chair Bennett shared how she thought that Terry Kaiser had passed away but via a few conversations found out that he is still alive.

Vice-Chair Bennett has been working on the Worgie family since 2013. John and Mary had 120 acres on Dodd Road that they bought in 1918. They farmed until 1954. Vice-Chair Bennett has had a hard time connecting with family members to do the interview. She participated in the Hayden Days Parade and met one of the granddaughters, Sue. Sue and her sister met with Vice-Chair Bennett to do an interview. Vice-Chair Bennett is planning on meeting with another Worgie family member and is hoping to get more information about other members of the family and some more pictures. The Commission continued to have a discussion about this particular family.

Chair Eichelberger said that the last batch of pictures are almost all identified that were loaded onto the S Drive [the City's computer file system].

Vice-Chair Bennett stated that she had the Metzger Maps from 1934 and 1959. The Commission has thought about including these maps at the end of the books. She said she could get copies at the Assessor's [Kootenai County] office. Chair Eichelberger will get permission to use the maps.

## **REPORTS**

Commissioner Zink wanted to check with Donna Phillips, Community Development Director/Commission Liaison, about the size of the interpretative signs. The Commission does not feel they need to be bigger than 4x6. Ms. Phillips stated that size was fine. Commissioner Zink will draw up new plans with the new size of sign and give those to Ms. Phillips and Sabrina Primmer, Commission Clerk. Staff will get new quotes for the signs.

Commissioner Zink mentioned the box of historic material that he has. Chair Eichelberger said she would check with the library and see if they want to archive any of the items.

Chair Eichelberger mentioned that she and Vice-Chair Bennett wore their Historic Commission name tags when they walked in the Hayden Days Parade. Ms. Primmer will check on getting name tags for Commissioners Zink and Budvarson, Ms. Phillips, and herself.

Commissioner Budvarson will be on vacation August 18<sup>th</sup> - September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Phillips mentioned that Staff has been talking to people about participating in the Historic Commission. The common comment that has been heard is that the only thing the Commission is working on is the book. She would like the Commission to revisit the Strategic Plan in January [2023]. She asked them to be thinking about how they would like to update this plan.

Ms. Phillips talked about how excited people were at the parade with the history bookmarks that were handed out. She mentioned the Mayors sheet which is being updated, the interpretative signs and the challenges of getting a quote for them, and that Ms. Primmer has started to work on a story map. Commissioner Zink stated that he had people that could help him build the interpretative signs.

The Commission discussed that they needed to think of historic activities and things that would interest younger people to participate on the Commission. Commissioner Zink shared how he got on the Historic Commission. He mentioned that there are not that many historic buildings in Hayden. He felt that the activities of the Commission are different than he thought they would be. Ms. Phillips mentioned that there is work to be done on the Stoddard barn that he could possibly help with. Commissioner Budvarson thought that a list of projects and assignments for the Commission would be a good idea. Ms. Phillips asked the Commissioners to start to make a plan on what they would like to do over the next two to three years and it will be discussed in January.

There was discussion concerning the books and the amount of time that has been spent on the research and writing of them. Commissioner Budvarson wondered if some of the stories could be placed on Wiki. Ms. Phillips mentioned creating one page curriculum lessons. Making a list of barns that are still in the City of Hayden and taking pictures of them would fit the historic significance category, especially if something

important happened in them. It was mentioned that taking pictures of older/historic buildings around town should be done before they are remodeled or demolished.

It was mentioned that Sherilynn Long and her husband may be interested in joining the Commission once the first book is to the publisher.

Vice-Chair Bennett shared a story of when she was 21 years old. She and some friends went out on the town and how a local police officer escorted each of them home.

Commissioner Zink stated that he would not be able to attend the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice-Chair Bennett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Zink seconded. All were in favor. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02pm.**

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Sabrina Primmer, Commission Clerk