

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Historic Resources Commission (HRC)
Thursday, March 10, 2022 ● 5:30 PM
Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room
851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada

Commission Members

Chair – Mike Drews
Commissioner – Jed Block
Commissioner – Robert Darney
Commissioner – Lou Ann Speulda

Vice Chair – Michelle Schmitter
Commissioner – Gregory Hayes
Commissioner – Donald Smit

Staff

Heather Ferris, Planning Manager
Hope Sullivan, Community Development Manager
Todd Reese, Deputy District Attorney
Danielle Howard, Public Meetings Clerk

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1. CALL TO ORDER

(5:33:45) – Chairperson Drews called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

(5:34:06) – Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

Attendee Name	Status	Arrived
Chairperson Mike Drews	Present	
Vice Chairperson Michelle Schmitter	Present	
Commissioner Jed Block	Present	
Commissioner Gregory Hayes	Present	
Commissioner Robert Darney	Absent	.
Commissioner Donald Smit	Present	
Commissioner Lou Ann Speulda	Present	

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:34:24) – Chairperson Drews entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13, 2022.

(5:34:39) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item and entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2022 meeting as presented.

(5:34:52) – MOTION: Commissioner Hayes so moved. Vice Chairperson Schmitter seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

5. MEETING ITEMS

5.A HRC-2022-0090 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR A HISTORIC TAX DEFERMENT ON PROPERTY ZONED SINGLE FAMILY 6,000 (SF6), LOCATED AT 500 MOUNTAIN STREET, APN 003-241-04.

(5:35:05) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. Ms. Ferris referenced the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record.

(5:36:11) – Chairperson Drews entertained Commissioner questions and comments. Commissioner Speulda commented about the house being “in beautiful shape” and indicated that, even with the addition, the Owner had done “a really good job.” When no additional comments or questions were forthcoming, Chairperson Drews entertained a motion.

(5:36:43) – MOTION: Commissioner Speulda moved to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of HRC-2022-0089, based on the finding that the request is consistent with the design guidelines for the Historic District and the Secretary of the Interior Standards as noted in the Staff Report. Commissioner Smit seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

5.B HRC-2021-0465 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2022 CARSON CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

(5:37:14) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item, and Ms. Ferris referenced the Memorandum, which is incorporated into the record. Chairperson Drews entertained Commissioner suggestions on properties to nominate for the 2022 Historic Preservation Award. Commissioner Hayes believed that the Bank Saloon was “the shining light of the last year here” and was in favor of nominating the Bank Saloon. When no additional suggestions or public comments were forthcoming, Chairperson Drews entertained a motion.

(5:38:40) – MOTION: Commissioner Hayes moved to nominate the Bank Saloon and the Nevada Builders Alliance for the 2022 Historic Preservation Award in celebration of Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month. Commissioner Block seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

5.C HRC-2022-0088 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2022 HISTORIC RESOURCES ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT AND TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER COMMISSION MEMBERS TO COORDINATE THE SCAVENGER HUNT WITH PLANNING STAFF.

(5:40:00) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item, and Ms. Ferris referenced the Memorandum, which is incorporated into the record. Chairperson Drews entertained Commissioner suggestions on themes for the 2022 Historic Resources Annual Scavenger Hunt, and discussion ensued regarding previous themes. Commissioner Speulda proposed using a style of house or multiple house styles, such as Victorian or some other time periods, and included could be a brief description about the character-defining features of the style along with elements of that

style represented in the Scavenger Hunt. She suggested having Vice Chairperson Schmitter devise brief descriptions for each style of house, of which there could be four styles referenced in the Scavenger Hunt. Chairperson Drews suggested outbuildings and garages because “you can see a whole lot from the street.” Commissioner Smit supported Commissioner Speulda’s proposal of character-defining features and noted that the Scavenger Hunt could also be used for an educational opportunity about what constitutes as character-defining. Chairperson Drews added that a picture of each style could also accompany the descriptions. Commissioner Speulda indicated that she could help with the Scavenger Hunt by assembling the photographs. Vice Chairperson Schmitter recommended using the façade of the properties in identifying the character-defining features for the Scavenger Hunt. No formal action was taken on this item.

6. STAFF REPORTS: DISCUSSION ONLY

- PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION.

(5:45:14) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. Ms. Ferris reported that, based on the Commissioners’ request for change of ownership updates in the Historic District, Staff had not received any change of ownership for 2022.

(5:47:34) – Ms. Sullivan reported that during the Carson City Board of Supervisor’s (BOS) retreat, the Supervisors reviewed redevelopment funds. Ms. Sullivan had pointed out to the BOS that the Carson City Planning Division had Façade [Improvement Program] grant money that was not available in the redevelopment area for residential properties, and the BOS indicated that it wanted to stay with that program and did not want to expand the Façade Program or the Redevelopment Program to residential properties. She added that the BOS preferred to focus on infrastructure rather than individual properties.

- COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS.

(5:45:44) – Chairperson Drews entertained Commissioner reports and comments. Commissioner Hayes thanked Ms. Ferris for organizing his agenda packet with tabs, and Ms. Ferris stated that she would send Commissioner Hayes’ appreciation to Carson City Planning Department Office Specialist Christie Overlay, as she was responsible for organizing the agenda packets.

(5:46:09) – Commissioner Block stated that a lot of work had been done on the façade of the Oclovich-Meyers House, located at Nevada Street and King Street, which he commented “looks pretty good.” He also mentioned that the Brewery Arts Center (BAC), based on his understanding, has the property paid off, and he believed that BAC staff were trying to restore the rest of the brick on the building using the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) grant if the deadline had not passed.

(5:49:13) – Based on Chairperson Drews’ observation about the Ferris Mansion having been painted, Commissioner Block stated that “it looks like they’ve been scraping.” He also mentioned that the corner part of the property at Spear Street and Phillips Street had been removed, and the metal railing had been completed, which he believed made the property look “a whole lot better.”

- FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

(5:46:37) – Chairperson Drews entertained requests for future agenda items.

(5:48:35) – Commissioner Hayes reminded the Commission about agendaizing discussion on “a final sign off” to approved applications.

- **NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 AT THE CARSON CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, ROBERT ‘BOB’ CROWELL BOARD ROOM, 851 EAST WILLIAM STREET, CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701.**

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:47:25) – No public comments were forthcoming.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT

(5:50:32) – MOTION: Commissioner Block moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Speulda seconded the motion. Chairperson Drews adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

The Minutes of the March 10, 2022 Carson City Historic Resources Commission meeting are so approved this 12th day of May 2022.