

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Historic Resources Commission (HRC)
Thursday, March 9, 2023 ● 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 – Donald Smit
Commissioner – Joan Wright

Vice Chair – Michelle Schmitter
Commissioner – Robert Darney
Commissioner – Lou Ann Speulda

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

(5:30:00) – Chairperson Drews called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

(5:30:10) – Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

(5:30:30) – Chairperson Drews entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2023.

(5:30:45) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item and entertained a motion.

(5:30:56) – **MOTION: Commissioner Speulda moved to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Smit seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Commissioner Wright abstaining, as she was not present during the January 12, 2023 meeting.**

5. MEETING ITEMS

5.A HRC-2023-0041 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST BY REDS AND JULIE REGAN (“APPLICANT”) FOR AN IN-GROUND SWIMMING POOL IN THE BACK YARD OF A SINGLEFAMILY RESIDENCE ON PROPERTY ZONED SINGLE FAMILY 6000 (“SF6”), LOCATED AT 711 W. SPEAR STREET, ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NUMBER (“APN”) 003-244-01.

(5:32:13) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. Ms. Ferris referenced the Staff Report and the accompanying attachments, all of which are incorporated into the record.

(5:35:00) – In response to Commissioner Speulda’s question, the Applicant’s Agent, David Priess, confirmed that he could contact the Commission if any archaeological materials from the early period of the house have been identified while excavating for the pool.

(5:35:53) – Commissioner Speulda noted that the site for the proposed pool was located at the rear of the property, which she believed was an appropriate location for the pool, since the location was not visible from the streets.

(5:37:00) – Chairperson Drews entertained public comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(5:37:06) – MOTION: Commissioner Smit moved to approve HRC-2023-0043 based on the findings and Conditions of Approval outlined in the Staff Report, the Carson City Historic District Guidelines, and consistent with the Historic Resources Commission Policies with the addition of an instruction to contact Staff if some artifacts of any type are encountered. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

5.B HRC-2023-0080 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING POTENTIAL NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 CARSON CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

(5:38:11) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item, and Ms. Ferris referenced the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record. Chairperson Drews entertained nominations for the 2023 Carson City Historic Preservation Award.

(5:39:25) – Vice Chairperson Schmitter wished to nominate Gregory “Greg” Hayes. Ms. Sullivan suggested nominating the Donald W. Reynolds Press Center at 102 North Curry Street and the individual who purchased the building. Chairperson Drews suggested considering the Carson City Open Space Division for the work at Silver Saddle Ranch, late Mayor Robert “Bob” Crowell, and former Carson City Supervisor Brad Bonkowski for the nomination. Discussion ensued on the matter, during which Commissioner Smit commented that “those projects are always going to be there” and believed that “when somebody goes out of their way as much as Greg did for this Commission, we should just reserve this for him.” Chairperson Drews entertained public comments and, when none were forthcoming, a motion.

(5:42:47) – **MOTION:** Vice Chairperson Schmitter moved to nominate Gregory Hayes for the 2023 Historic Preservation Award in celebration of Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month. Commissioner Smit seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0-1 with Commissioner Wright abstaining.

5.C HRC-2023-0081 FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE 2023 HISTORIC RESOURCES ANNUAL SCAVENGER HUNT.

(5:43:40) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. Ms. Ferris referenced the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record, and Chairperson Drews entertained Commissioners’ suggestions of themes for the Historic Resources Annual Scavenger Hunt.

(5:44:48) – Commissioner Wright stated that she had access to Mr. Hayes’ photographs and offered to “take on” the photography portion of the Scavenger Hunt.

(5:45:45) – Commissioner Speulda proposed basing the theme on unique elements from 1901 to 1973, house styles that reflect the historic period, or the ways that architects solve problems. From the themes proposed by Commissioner Speulda, Vice Chairperson Schmitter was in favor of basing the theme on the ways that architects solve problems. She also suggested a theme based on outbuildings. She also inquired about public participant feedback. Ms. Sullivan stated that Scavenger Hunt participants “love going around the Historic District, [and] they want to look for things,” such as chimneys and windows. She recommended that the Commissioners avoid making the Scavenger Hunt too challenging for the participants because the participants truly enjoyed the weather, the beauty of the Historic District, and the character-defining features for the period of significance. She noted that an “intellectual” Scavenger Hunt that was organized for a previous year had been “a disaster.” Discussion ensued, during which Chairperson Drews noted that some of the outbuildings were located behind the structures, though Commissioner Wright believed that basing the theme on outbuildings “could be fun.” Vice Chairperson Schmitter suggested including “at least one or two” outhouses for the Scavenger Hunt, and Chairperson Drews agreed with the suggestion.

(5:50:50) – Commissioner Darney mentioned that the Commission has used chimneys, front entryways, and front doors, which were all features that were fairly easy to see from the street.

(5:51:48) – Ms. Sullivan believed it would be “cool” to instruct Scavenger Hunt participants to identify a house that was built after 1980 that looks historic for extra points. Commissioner Speulda suggested that the participants could identify the carriage house and the attached garage “and how that’s taken over.” She also suggested that the Commission “take it to its extreme where it’s the snout house now with the garage in the front of the snout house,” which she mentioned could be added into the 1901 to 1950s elements. Vice Chairperson Schmitter, Commissioner Speulda, and Commissioner Wright agreed to work on the materials for the Scavenger Hunt.

(5:54:23) – Chairperson Drews entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

6. STAFF REPORTS: DISCUSSION ONLY

- PLANNING DIVISION STAFF REPORT TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION.

(5:54:32) – Chairperson Drews introduced the item. Ms. Ferris did not have any additional items to report.

- **COMMISSIONER REPORTS/COMMENTS.**

(5:54:47) – Chairperson Drews entertained Commissioner reports and comments. In response to Vice Chairperson Schmitter’s inquiry about demolition of the motel located at 201 East William Street, Ms. Ferris stated that the Community Development Department staff had “signed off” on the permit for demolition.

(5:57:12) – Commissioner Speulda and Chairperson Drews welcomed Commissioner Wright to the HRC.

- **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

(5:56:21) – Vice Chairperson Schmitter requested developing a statement or a process for demolition, and Chairperson Drews noted that the Commission should possibly agendize an item regarding guidelines for demolition to add to the Historic District Guidelines.

- **NEXT MEETING: THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR 5:30 P.M., THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 AT THE CARSON CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, ROBERT ‘BOB’ CROWELL BOARD ROOM, 851 EAST WILLIAM STREET, CARSON CITY, NEVADA 89701.**

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(5:58:08) – Chairperson Drews entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

8. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: ADJOURNMENT

(5:58:15) – MOTION: Commissioner Speulda moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Darney seconded the motion. Chairperson Drews adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

The Minutes of the March 9, 2023 Carson City Historic Resources Commission meeting are so approved this 24th day of July 2023.