

MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission
Thursday, January 18, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Von Alleman, Mariah Hurst, George Weight, Craig Child and Ellen Clyde

Commissioners Excused: Nancy Calkins, Kristen Kallaker and Lyric Canaan

City Staff: Josh Yost, Community Development Director

1. Discussion and recommendation regarding the 2025 CLG Grant application.

Areas discussed were Jolly's Ranch Barn and the Carnegie Library. Commissioner Child mentioned the frisbee golf course. Many people come to play that course, and the barn is part of that. Commissioner Hurst votes for Jolly's Ranch Barn. Commissioner Clyde said as much as she is invested in the Carnegie Library, she feels we need to keep the barn. She asked if we would do a study like was done at the library. Director Yost said they changed the grant a little this time and you can get more money for capital projects that are already planned. That makes the library attractive this year. But you can either do a study or try to do analysis and work. But we would need to do a national register listing also because it isn't currently listed. Commissioner Hurst feels they took a long time to do the analysis and then it was a question of whether they would take our recommendations.

Commissioner Child said Director Yost mentioned it is in jeopardy of falling. He asked what parts of the building are weak. Director Yost said Stacey Child & David Ashton from Parks and Rec say the building is in bad shape. They are concerned about structural stability. He has never been in it.

Commissioner Clyde said she would do some research about it and learn its historical significance. She thinks it was built in the 1800s when Jolly's had the ranch up there.

They discussed possibly having a snack bar up there too.

Commissioner Hurst moved to use the grant to preserve the barn and shore it up by contract without a survey to get it done sooner. Commissioner Clyde seconded. Commissioner Child asked if we would need to have a register for the national registry. Director Yost said most likely we will have to do a nomination at some point. The vote was unanimous to select the barn as the project.

2. Review of commission priorities for 2025

Director Yost reviewed their duties and powers. They talked about having downtown walks and home tours. Commissioner Weight wants to emphasize Hobble Creek as it is 175 years since it was named. He gave the history. Commissioner Hurst commented that it is a landmark and asked what our role is in preserving landmarks. Director Yost pulled up the code. They determined it was in their purview. He said it would be done through Parks and Rec and he could pass on their recommendations.

To commemorate the creek, Commissioner Weight feels that people could celebrate with a picnic or hike a trail or something. It wouldn't be a city celebration.

Commissioner Clyde said there are two priorities: celebrate the name and emphasize the history of Springville. Remember to be more education-focused.

Commissioner Child said there used to be a blurb in the City newsletter, but that doesn't happen anymore.

Commissioner Hurst talked about creek access and where the public can access the creek where people live along the banks. That would be good information to share with the public.

Commissioner Weight said he has created a 14-page document with information about the creek that he will put copies here and at the DUP. Commissioners Hurst and Clyde said they are concerned about the length of the document. They said if it was smaller, it would be more interesting. They encouraged him to use the 3-page summary instead.

Commissioner Alleman asked about the Landmarks website and if that has gone away. Director Yost said that the GIS person tried to fix the map. He got it working, but the images weren't linked. There is not much on the website, and it probably doesn't get much traffic.

They narrowed it down to two priorities: Commemorate Hobble Creek for the 175 anniversary of its name and emphasize the history of Springville with the community.

They talked about social media being better than a website. Commissioner Clyde said we want to educate the public. What other priorities should we address? Commissioner Child suggested with the technology we have; we could post once a month. We could use trivia or post a fact.

They brainstormed ideas to teach the public about the history of Springville City. They talked about using Instagram to accomplish this goal. 36:54 Director Yost said there is so much information out there such as in the pamphlet for Main Street, contractors' legacy publication, Springville history books, Springville book, information on the website, in the SHPO files, etc.

They discussed who could get this information gathered and distributed.

Commissioner Child suggested someone from the Historical Society be on this committee.

Commissioner Clyde gave a rundown: collaborate with public arts, integrate history into the Downtown Art Loop, communicate with the history district and landmarks register property owners, and amend the Landmarks Preservation Commission Code. Commissioner Hurst said we have done lots of work on this. Director Yost said he would need to circle some things internally and then bring it back to the Commission for action and more discussion. It doesn't need a recommendation from this body.

Commissioner Child asked who over public art. Director Yost said the museum. Leslie Gleaves is the Public Art Communicator.

Commissioner Hurst asked if meeting every quarter is enough to stay on top of the items they discuss. Director Yost talked about the Open and Public Meeting Act where we have to publish a calendar yearly. We can schedule additional meetings and they must be noticed at least 24 hours in advance. Generally, it is hard for the City to schedule Ad Hoc meetings because there are several other meetings for committees and boards that meet, so it is better to have a regular calendar. We could go back to calendaring more meetings and then, if they are not utilized, we can reassess. This is the first time we have had a quorum at a meeting in a long time. Commissioner Hurst said our engagement has been disengaged and things don't get done if the commission is disengaged. Commissioner Clyde suggested that assignments should be made to get things accomplished. They talked about assignments that will help move their goals along. Commissioner Hurst is going to coordinate the social media posts for Landmarks that will help the public be engaged. She will just need information to post.

Director Yost will send out the roster to the commissioners with contact information. Commissioner Hurst will set up a document to share that will help to get things done.

3. Update on commission membership, upcoming term endings, and appointments.

Director Yost showed the Commissioners list and upcoming term endings. The Mayor wants to keep it to 2 terms. Director Yost asked what a good committee size would be and if he should talk to Jake Smith to solicit additional membership. They thought 8-10 people. Commissioner Clyde said she would reach out to Lee Taylor. Commissioner Child asked if there is grant money.

Commissioner Hurst asked if we are meeting again before the next scheduled meeting. Commissioner Child suggested every other month. Commissioner Weight moved to meet every other month. Commissioner Child seconded. The vote to have an every other-month meeting was unanimous. They agreed that the next meeting will be March 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Clyde asked Commissioner Hurst to report on the social media posts, and she will report on her discussion with the Historical Society at the next meeting.

Commissioner Clyde moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hurst seconded. The vote to adjourn was unanimous and ended at 7:15 p.m.