

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
YREKA HISTORIC DISTRICT & LANDMARKS COMMISSION
HELD IN THE YREKA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER IN SAID CITY
ON THE 12th DAY OF MARCH 2009

On the 12th day of March 2009, at 6:30 p.m., the Historic District & Landmarks Commission of the City of Yreka met in the City Council Chamber in said city in regular session. The meeting was called to order by Chair Reather and present were:

Commissioners: Peter O'Brien
Maytha Reather
John Mercier
Stephanie Vanden Broeck
Donna Wilson

Absent: Paul McCoy

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pete La Fortune, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, made suggestions on projects that are needed in the downtown area including: replacing the lights on the YREKA sign at the central entrance to the City with LED lights; have a commonality of signs in the Historic District, same font, same color, etc.; "Brand" Yreka. He also stated the Chamber's door is always open.

MINUTES

The Commission having received a copy of the minutes of the meeting held November 13, 2008 the minutes were approved as presented, on a motion made by Commissioner Mercier, seconded by Commissioner Vanden Broeck, all voting aye.

TELL THE TALE NIGHT

There was open discussion regarding a Tell the Tale Night, David Simmen was in the audience and suggested people who have a history and knowledge of Yreka, Yreka buildings, people, Native Americans, and gold mining be invited to attend. It would be a low key event. Have a TV crew there to record the recollections.

The anticipated result of the event would be to memorialize the information, select 15 – 20 historic recollections that could be physically put on buildings. Possibly add historic photos and place on the buildings also.

It was suggested to contact the Museum staff to help with names of individuals to invite to the event.

Commissioner Vanden Broeck made a motion that the Historic District and Landmarks Commission sponsor a Tell the Tale Night. Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion, all voting aye, the motion carried.

Chair Reather appointed Commissioner Vanden Broeck to work with David Simmen on specifics of the event and report back to the Commission. Details such as should attendees be specifically invited, generally invite openly, etc.? Have a power point picture show? Have a list of questions to ask to start the discussion?

Brian Meek reported that O. J. LeBaron offered to provide a history of the Fall Creek water system.

COMMISSIONERS' GOALS

Staff asked the Commission to consider their goals for 2009 such as: In addition to their regulatory function, should Commissioner's role be an advisory on project's to enhance the District or to actively develop and execute projects?

The Commissioners' agreed to start with the Tell the Tale Night and determine if they want to create or work on additional projects after it is completed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Reather turned the meeting over to City Attorney McHugh.

Nominations for Chair were opened. Commissioner Reather nominated Commissioner Vanden Broeck, Commissioner Mercier nominated Commissioner McCoy. The vote was called for: Commissioner Vanden Broeck – 4 votes, Commissioner McCoy – 1 vote. Commissioner Vanden Broeck was elected to Chair by a 4 to 1 vote.

Nominations for Vice Chair were opened. Commissioner McCoy was nominated by Commissioner Mercier, there being no further nominations Commissioner McCoy was elected to Vice Chair by acclamation.

City Attorney turned the meeting back over to acting Chair Reather.

COMMISSIONER STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS

New Commissioners Peter O'Brien and Donna Wilson were welcomed to the Commission.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Pamela J. Hayden, Planning Director