

MINUTES HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 10, 2021

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1) Call to Order

The Town of Lyons Historic Preservation Commission was called to order on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 5:37.

2) Roll Call

Commissioners: Lauren Click, Priscilla Cohan, Mike Donohoe, Brianna Hoyt, Rachael Nelson
Staff: Reyana Jones
Trustee Liaison: Hollie Rogin
Guests: None

3) Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Donohoe made a motion to approve the Agenda, and it passed unanimously.

4) Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes

Commissioner Cohan made a motion to approve the February meeting minutes, and it passed unanimously.

5) Reports

a) Audience Business (Limited to 15 minutes - All comments will be limited to 4 minutes per person)

There were no audience members in attendance.

b) Trustee Report

Trustee Rogin did not have anything to report.

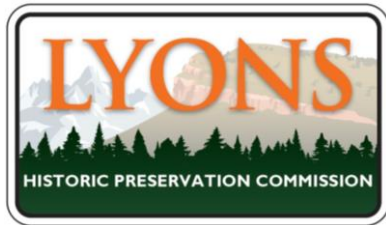
c) Staff Report

Yani Jones asked commissioners if a joint workshop meeting with the Board of Trustees for April 19 at 5:30 would work for them to discuss the Historic Preservation Ordinance draft, and they agreed. She also shared information on a mural that has a Native American focus that will be available for viewing at Western Stars Gallery. Monique Sawyer-Lang with the Museum proposed partnering with the HPC to find a place to more permanently display the mural, but the HPC declined because of uncertainty of their role around art and their limited budget. Jones also asked the commission how they would like to set agenda items in the future. Commissioner Cohan suggested that we keep agenda-setting informal through email or in meetings themselves.

6) Regular Agenda

a) Walking Tour

Chair Nelson noted that she is pretty far behind on writing but is meeting with Yani tomorrow to jumpstart writing. Commissioner Hoyt recommended having drafts up on OneDrive by April meeting, then discuss those drafts during the meeting and any editing. Commissioner Cohan noted that she has some draft language on LaVern Johnson Park, and she has been researching newspapers. Commissioners discussed editing as well, which they will do in OneDrive. Commissioner Hoyt stated that the Museum will plan to open when the tours occur in May if we tell them ahead of time. Commissioner Cohan asked about the print/digital versions and the differing lengths. Commissioner Cohan also mentioned that an old newspaper article she read talked about a “Lyons Journal” where people can tour and write their thoughts about town, and



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43 another idea was a one-page old-timey newspaper. Chair Nelson liked both of those ideas.
44 Commissioners leaned toward the newspaper idea, and Commission Cohan suggested sprinkling
45 in historic newspaper articles for flavor. Yani will look at Town Hall for materials (like large-size
46 paper). Commissioners also discussed using photographs, which they will find in the Redstone
47 Museum archive or the Carnegie Library archive and will cite if used.

48 **b) Historic Preservation Month**

49 Chair Nelson expressed her desire to do some programming related to archaeology for
50 Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month and asked commissioners if they had any
51 preference toward any of the suggestions from last month. Commissioner Cohan noted that she
52 is interested in the land recognition efforts Commissioner Click mentioned in the last meeting.
53 Commissioner Click noted that the land acknowledgement will take some time to finalize, so
54 that might not be an option for May. Chair Nelson added that she recently did an archaeology
55 class, and she could ask her professor if they would be interested in doing a talk. Commissioner
56 Cohan suggested an outdoor talk would be ideal. Commissioner Click suggested maybe asking
57 the library's garage door area to be outdoors. Trustee Rogin said she knows an archaeologist
58 named Erin Baxter, who does quirky talks on archaeology, and she thinks she might be willing to
59 speak on honorarium. Commissioner Hoyt asked what theme they might want to pursue.
60 Trustee Rogin said she could ask Erin Baxter if she has any ideas for topics. If she is available, the
61 Commission will most likely ask her if she would do a lecture or workshop in May, and if she is
62 not available, Commissioners will reach out to other contacts. Dr. Baxter gave a quick response
63 back to Trustee Rogin, Dr. Baxter is very interested! Trustee Rogin will put her in contact with
64 Yani.

65 **c) Outreach**

66 Commissioner Click noted the social media efforts she does for her work, and she asked where
67 people get their social media (know your Lyons audience!). Chair Nelson said she mostly uses
68 Instagram, and Commissioner Cohan agreed. Chair Nelson noted that Lyons Happenings might
69 be a good place to get the word out, and Commissioner Click said she has a list of places to do
70 similar promotion. Trustee Rogin agreed that Lyons Happenings is huge, but she personally is on
71 Twitter. Commissioner Donohoe said he usually uses Instagram or Reddit. Commissioner Click
72 summarized that Instagram sounds like the common denominator, and there is a program called
73 Hootsuite that can manage when posts go out, etc. Trustee Rogin that an Instagram would be a
74 good way to cross-promote with our local businesses. Chair Nelson noted that having a
75 Facebook presence for walking tour dates, etc. would also be useful. Yani will work on setting
76 up an Instagram and will talk with Arielle Hodgson about Hootsuite and posting Facebook
77 events.

78 **7) Commissioner Comments**

79 There were no commissioner comments.

80 **8) ADJOURN — 6:51**

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