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## GRASS VALLEY

### Historical Commission Meeting

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Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 3:00 PM

Council Chambers, Grass Valley City Hall | 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California

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### AGENDA

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### MEETING NOTICE

Historical Commission welcomes you to attend the meetings electronically or in person at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 125 E. Main St., Grass Valley, CA 95945. Regular Meetings are scheduled at 4:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to [public@cityofgrassvalley.com](mailto:public@cityofgrassvalley.com). Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received by 9 am. Comments received after that will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. The commission will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item.

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Please note, individuals who disrupt, disturb, impede, or render infeasible the orderly conduct of a meeting will receive one warning that, if they do not cease such behavior, they may be removed from the meeting. The chair has authority to order individuals removed if they do not cease their disruptive behavior following this warning. No warning is required before an individual is removed if that individual engages in a use of force or makes a true threat of force. (Gov. Code, § 54957.95.)

**Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible and listening devices are available. Other special accommodations may be requested to the City Clerk 72 hours in advance of the meeting by calling (530) 274-4390, we are happy to accommodate.**

### CALL TO ORDER

## **ROLL CALL**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of the September 9th, 2025 minutes

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - *Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to [public@cityofgrassvalley.com](mailto:public@cityofgrassvalley.com). Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received by 3pm. Comments received after 3pm will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. Historical Commission will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item. There is a time limitation of three minutes per person for all emailed, voicemail, or in person comments, and only one type of public comment per person. For any items not on the agenda, and within the jurisdiction or interest of the City, please come to the podium at this time. If you wish to speak regarding a scheduled agenda item, please come to the podium when the item is announced. When recognized, please begin by providing your name and address for the record (optional).*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **STAFF AGENDA ITEMS**

## **COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS**

2. Update on October Walking tour
3. Update on Lake Olympia Property
4. Update on Walsh Mill and Firehouse recognition
5. Review list for banners
6. Update on QR code language for Citizen Star area
7. Update on Mill St. Walking tour app
8. Draft of report for City Council quarterly update on October 28th

## **ADJOURN**

## **POSTING NOTICE**

This is to certify that the above notice of a meeting of a Historical Commission, scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Friday, October 10, 2025.

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

## Grass Valley Historical Commission

Minutes of Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Commissioners Present: Savelli, McAteer, Reilly, Albrecht and Poston

The meeting was called to order by Chair McAteer at 3:00 pm

Approval of the August 12th minutes: Poston moved and Albrecht seconded. Unanimously adopted.

Public Comment: none

### Discussion portion of the agenda:

1. The Commission agreed to move the November 11th meeting to November 18th
2. The Commission agreed to recommend to the City Council that the development code be revised to include that all new development within the 1872 townsite map should be reviewed by the Historical Commission.
3. The Commission heard from two guests Lisa Redfern and Rose Murphy about their work on producing historic videos of the local area. The two would like to partner with the Commission to produce walking tour videos of downtown Grass Valley. Comm. McAteer will meet with the two to discuss further options.
4. The Sept walk will be led by Cmm Albrecht— the last of the year.
5. History Day was discussed and Comms agreed to their assignments.
6. The Lake Olympia Property is on the City Council's agenda tonight and more will be learned after their meeting.
7. Comm. Reilly is submitting our nominee for the Historic Award.
8. Comm. Poston will submit verbiage about the Citizen Star Award and QR code to McAteer.
9. The Commission agreed to recommend to the City Council that the "Welcome Cowboy" be presented as an art installation to City County for the So. Auburn St. roundabout.
10. The Loma Rica RR Trestle recognition is on hold until the property is properly surveyed.
11. Commission Albrecht will lead the Oct meeting and present to City Council in October.
12. The Commission spent time narrowing the list to 27 names and places for the street banners which will be submitted to the City Council for approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm

Next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, 14th at 3 pm.

Christopher Stevens— Ambassador

Sarah and John Kidder— Railroad Owners

Lyman Gilmore— Aviator, Inventor

Arthur/Mary Hallock Foote— Mine  
Engineer/Author

Lola Montez— Entertainer

Josiah Royce— Philosopher

Lotta Crabtree— Entertainer

Sr. Mary Baptiste Russell— Religious Leader

James Hague— Mining Engineer

Arletta Douglass— Civic Leader

Bill Hullander— Mayor

Gerard Tassone— Civic Leader

Dee Mautino— Mayor

Peggy and Howard Levine— Community  
Organizers

Glenn Jones— Business Leader

Jerry Angove— Educator

Fr. Thomas Dalton— Founder of Convent &  
Orphanage

Lorenzo Sawyer— Jurist

Charles Cully— Maidu Leader

Kan Tin-Loy— Business Leader

David Comstock— Author/ Publisher

Alonzo Delano— Humorist, Author

Edmund Kinyon— Union Editor

Melville Attwood— Inventor of  
Mining Equipment

Errol MacBoyle— Mine Owner

George Starr— Mine Engineer

Issac Sanks— Former Slave, Religious Leader

Golden Gate Saloon

Odd Fellows Hall

Nevada County Bank

GV Opera House

Memorial Park

North Star Powerhouse

Empire Mine

North Star House

Old Post Office

Emanuel Episcopal

Holbrooke Hotel

Jones Hospital

Kidder Mansion

Lake Olympia

Lola Montez House

Lotta Crabtree House

St. Josephs

GV Carnegie Library

Welcome Miner

The Union Building

Elks Lodge

St. Patricks Church

Ben Taylor home

Del Oro Theatre

Hansen Home

Veterans Building

Alpha Hardware Building

**GV Historical Commission report to GV City Council****Scheduled, October 28, 2025***Commissioners to review and approve the following***Progress:**

- Citizen Star event, recognition of Howard and Peggy Levine, well received
- Historic Commission service award plaque – present and ask that it be hung in lobby
- Lake Olympia – update Clamps (Kevin ?) interested in assisting with maintenance
- Date selected with partners for History Day in Nevada County, May 9, 2026, 10 am 4 pm
- Walking tours success, May – September
- Funds are raised to purchase Historic Banners – attached the names selected.
- Fire House and Mill St parking recognition approved by Landmarks commission, need plaques
- Heritage Home tour booklets are on sale at Booksellers and Chambers office
- Significant work has been accomplished updating the walking tour which will include narratives on 18 locations and be presented on mobile device, website application and hard copy.

**Plans:**

- Round about art recognition, East Main/Idaho Maryland, art work honors, Maidu, Chinese, Cornish and Gilmore.
- Place QR code on Stamp Mill, brief narrative on Citizen Stars, community effort
- Banners – 25 names/places identified, will move forward with purchase, request installation ahead of History Day.
- Looking into Kiosks (permanent story boards, much like at Memorial Park) at each end of town to advertise the history, map of the town and walking tour availability.
- Requesting staff to review the 1872 township perimeters to include a Historic Commission review for new building as well as remodels.

**Problems:**

- Mathew Coulter continues to be a destructive force towards Historic Commission volunteers. A sincere invitation was presented to him during the September meeting, encouraging him to bring forth his ideas and concerns in a constructive manner. Crude language and personal attacks is not acceptable, we ask the City Council for support and assistance in this matter.

**Closing:**

- Do we have the City Council's approval to move forward with the items reviewed in our plans?
- Is there anything the City Council would like the Historic Commission to look into?