



CITY OF STAR, IDAHO

## STAR HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

City Hall - 10769 W State Street, Star, Idaho  
Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL**
  - A. [Review Meeting Minutes - Historical Committee September 8, 2022](#)
3. **MEMBER REPORTS**
  - A. Liberty Grange Hall Update
4. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL**
  - A. [Oral History Collection \(Action Item\)](#)
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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## HISTORICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Section 2, Item A.

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Thursday, September 8, 2022

6:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chip Sitton called the Historical Committee Meeting to order at 6:04 pm

### 2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chip Sitton, Lynn Davis, Jane Raynor, Meredith Hudson. Excused Absent: David Hershey

### 3. LIBERTY GRANGE HALL UPDATE

Chip Sutton gave an update on how things were going with the Liberty Grange Hall. The 3<sup>rd</sup> party offer to Madi Hastings fell through and there are no other parties interested at this time.

Chip went to Grange Headquarters and visited with Ilene Javaux and was given a document of the first 50 years of Liberty Grange, how it was established, and a listing of the charter members and Grange Masters. Meredith Hudson will scan this document and it will be distributed to all committee members.

They would like to establish a foundation to create a museum and they are thinking the Grange Hall could be that place. There was a discussion on purchasing the building and moving it to a different location. The building needs to have parking and a historical component. If they were to get the Grange Hall, the building itself could be an exhibit. There was talk about Madi Hastings possibly gifting the building to the City.

### 4. ORAL HISTORY PROPOSAL WITH REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Lynn Davis gave each committee member a copy of the proposal to read through and briefly discussed it. They would like to have a dedicated space on the City website for the oral histories.

### 5. BARN DOCUMENTATION PROPOSAL WITH REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Lynn Davis led a discussion regarding the barn documentation proposal. Randy Biddle will be the photographer. They will be asking the City to provide a list of barns so they can get the histories and photographs. A barn on Black Cat Rd between Overland and Franklin was mentioned.

Lynn mentioned an Aging Farmers article and talked about the loss of irrigation systems due to growth and how important it is to manage growth in order to preserve farms.

When Dean gets back into the country, they can begin the barn proposal.

Lynn went to the James Castle Museum and shared a little history of James, Idaho's most famous artist, who lived in Star.

There was also mention of some other historical events through Star, specifically the Oregon Trail. They would like to further investigate the history of the Oregon Trail through Star, such as where in Star did they cross.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

Chip Sitton adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Meredith Hudson – Deputy City Treasurer

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#### EDUCATION:

- 2020 Master of Applied Historical Research, Boise State University
- 1999 Bachelor of Science, History, Regents College, University of the State of New York
- 2015 Oral history training with Dr. Troy Reeves, University of Wisconsin – Madison. Sponsored by Idaho Humanities Council
- 2018 Oral history training with Brandi Burns, Boise City Arts & History
- 2019 Oral history training, Idaho State Archives, Idaho State Historical Society

#### EXPERIENCE:

- 2019-present Diocesan Historian, Episcopal Diocese of Idaho. In this capacity I catalogue the diocese collection held in the Special Collections & Archives at Boise State University, conduct research in the collection and write an article in the monthly diocesan e-newsletter *The E-Pistle*.
- 2020-2021 *The Last Honest Man*, James Risen. I conducted archival research materials in the Frank Church Collection at BSU to assist the author in writing this biography of Senator Frank Church. The book will be released by Little, Brown & Company in the Spring of 2024.
- 2021-2022 Oral history of Boise City government. Under contract with Boise City Arts & History, I completed three oral history interviews with former members of the Boise City Council.
- 2020-2021 Oral History of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness. Under contract with the Frank Church Institute, I completed ten oral history interviews with individuals directly involved in the establishment of this wilderness area in Idaho.
- 2018-2020 “‘A Living Worthwhile’ Cecil Andrus and the Creation of the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area.” This was my master’s project presented in the form of a podcast with an accompanying thesis paper. The project included conducting oral history interviews with those who participated in establishing the National Conservation Area.

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Funding Proposal for Mayor  
Sept 8, 2022

Background and where the Star History Committee is To Date

The Star History Committee has been meeting monthly and working on finding a building and site to be the Star History Museum. Liz Hobson, museum administrator for the Idaho State Museum in Boise's Morrison Park, has met with us and has graciously been advising and sharing resources with us. She put us in touch with Dr. Bob Reinhardt, associate professor of public history, environmental history, and American west history. They have recommended we use the services of Dean Hagerman, who is a professional historian in Boise with a Master's in history from Boise State University and who has experience in oral history projects.

Next September, Liz and the Idaho State Museum will be hosting the annual conference for the Association for State and Local History. They would like to do a field trip of Star to learn about our local history. We have identified two "doable" portable exhibits we can present along with a walking tour of "Old Star": Oral Histories of Star's Early Residents and Barns of Star, A Farming Town.

We have tried all year in vain to work with Boise State's Communications Department to get some interns to assist with the project, but Dr. Reinhardt has explained to us that Covid has put extra burdens on faculty, staff, and students, so our best bet is to pay Dean Hagerman to produce the information we need for the two exhibits and then to pay a professional exhibit producer to deliver the final product.

Oral History Exhibit

We would like start with the oral histories first, so this proposal is to ask for funding for the interviews. Dean would interview the seniors on a list we have established with input from various leaders in Star. We can add to the list if more suggestions come our way.

The History Committee would call each person on the list, with a follow-up letter, to let them know about our project and that Dean would be calling them to arrange an interview. He will share drafts of his printed write-up for any needed edits. Dean will video the interview, so that can be edited for sound bites for the exhibit, which would include a written summary of the interview, as well as a button people could push to activate an edited video of the person talking.

We have given Dean the verbal history and video we did of Jane Raynor as a model. The oral history materials will be turned over to a professional exhibit company to prepare the actual exhibit.

The exhibit producer will need to design a portable exhibit using easy to operate and maintain equipment. Some photography may need to be taken for a backdrop. Randy Biddle, a Star resident who attends our History Committee meetings, has been photographing barns for us and can photograph some of our other needs. For next September's event the Oral History exhibit could be set up and premiered in the Star Riverhouse. When Star gets a History Museum facility, the exhibit can be showcased there.

Star City can also create a history component on its website and showcase the material there.

List of people we should start interviewing:

Mary Kolsky 208-286-7720

Marq Ross 208-941-6748

Jack & Betha Foster 208-455-1735

Herb Quenzer 208-286-7567

Kay & Bud Helmick 208-286-7610

Jak and Butch Kirtley- [jakatak1@msn.com](mailto:jakatak1@msn.com)

(Jane Raynor already completed by History Committee)

#### Budget for Dean Hagerman

He is out of the country for two weeks but will be sending us a short bio of his professional history background as soon as he returns. We will forward that onto everyone, including Jacob Qualls and the Mayor.

Because of the prep work we have been doing, Dean estimates he can do the interviews for \$150 or less. Our current list includes 3 singles and 3 couples. This cost aligns reasonably with current fees for communicators.

We would like to ask for a \$1200 budget for this phase. What we do not use, we will carry over for the cost of the professional exhibit itself.

Later we will be asking for a budget for the Oral History Exhibit, Star Barns history research, and Star Barns Exhibit. After going through the Star Library history bin on the history of Star, it has become clear we will need to find an historian to write a professional history of Star.

Lynn Davis for Star History Committee

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