**Meeting Minutes**

**BOARD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORY**

**October 14, 2016**

**Location**

**Reno City Hall**

**7th Floor Caucus Room**

**1 E. First Street**

**Reno, NV 89501**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Robert Stoldal, Chairman in person Bryan Allison

Renee Diamond via conference call Dan Markoff

Pete Dubé via conference call

Dr. Alicia Barber in person

Dr. Doris Dwyer in person

Dr. Sarah Cowie in person

Robert Ostrovsky via conference call

Seth Schorr in person

Anthony Timmons via conference call

**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF NEVADA ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES, AND CITY OF RENO STAFF PRESENT**

Catherine Magee, Nevada Historical Society, Director

Henna Rasul, Attorney General’s Office, Senior Deputy Attorney General

Rebecca Palmer, DCNR, State Historic Preservation Officer

Jim Bertolini, DCNR, State Historic Preservation Office National and State Register Coordinator

Claudia Hansen, Planning Manager, City of Reno

**PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE**

Neal Ferguson

Roberta Ferguson

Mercedes de la Garza

ZoAnn Campana

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1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:33am and confirmed a quorum was present and the meeting was posted in accordance with NRS 241. (1,2)

2. There was no public comment at this time. (4)

3. The Chair took Item 5, Acceptance of Minutes. Anthony Timmons made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2016 regular meeting. Member Barber seconded. Members Dwyer, Dubé, Diamond abstained. Approved without dissent. (5a) Alicia Barber moved to accept the minutes for June 17, 2016 regular meeting. Member Timmons seconded. Members Dwyer, Dubé, Diamond, and Schorr abstained. Approved without dissent. (5b)

4. The Chair took Item 6, Calendar for Next Meeting. Chair considered expanding the December 2016 meeting from the previously approved, Friday, December 2, 2016, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas to a two-day meeting with the Board convening on Thursday, December 1 and Friday, December 2, 2016 at the same location. Renee Diamond made the motion to add a second day to the next meeting to expand it to a two-day meeting to be held on December 1 and December 2, 2016 at the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. Member Dwyer seconded. Approved without dissent.

5. The Chair took Item 7, Nominations to the National and State Registers of Historic Places, Newlands Heights Historic District, Washoe County, Reno. Pete Dubé disclosed that he owns property in the Newlands Heights Historic District. DAG Rasul recommended that if there was any financial gain he should abstain from voting on the item. Alicia Barber disclosed that she is the Chair of the City of Reno’s Historical Resources Commission that has already voted on the nomination. DAG Rasul stated that the disclosure was needed but no abstention was necessary. Palmer introduced Bertolini to give the Board and members of the public a brief summary of the District. The Chair asked for any questions in Reno or on the phone. Sarah Cowie stated that this nomination was well documented. The Chair seconded that statement and that he had been able to read and tour the District. The Chair asked if there was any other neighborhood with a similar character in Reno. Bertolini stated that the only other neighborhood in Reno and northern Nevada was west of the University. The Chair asked if any members of the public wanted to comment. Mr. Neal Ferguson stated that he had lived in the neighborhood with his family since the 1970’s and is aware of the pressures on the neighborhood and the efforts made by city and community to protect the character of the neighborhood. Pete Dubé thanked Neal Ferguson for his and the other residents for their efforts. The Chair thanked Neal Ferguson for his efforts. Roberta Ferguson described the generosity of the neighborhood. The Chair asked for additional comments. Ms. Claudia Hansen stated for the record that the City was proud of this neighborhood and the efforts of citizens such as the Fergusons, Mercedes de la Garza, Scott Gibson, and John Hester, who pushed the City to get this nomination completed. The Chair asked for any other comments. Alicia Barber stated the importance of this nomination and the reminder to the City that has an important cultural heritage to be preserved. Bertolini stated that there were 578 confirmed property owners and SHPO has only received two (2) notarized objections, the threshold for holding a nomination is 50% of the total owners. Alicia Barber asked if the Board’s decision is to determine if the District is eligible for submission to the Keeper and that the draft text could change before it is sent by SHPO to the Keeper. Palmer confirmed that yes that was correct. Alicia Barber moved to determine that the Newlands Heights Historic District is eligible for submission to the Keeper. Member Diamond seconded. The Chair asked for further discussion. Roberta Ferguson stated that she wanted to thank the members of the City Council who worked closely with them and the residents were appreciative of their efforts. The Chair took a vote on the motion. Member Dubé abstained. Approved without dissent. Renee Diamond asked how the review forms were to be sent by members not present in the meeting room. Palmer stated that staff would send the forms to the members in Las Vegas for completion.

6. There was no public comment. (8)

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:58am (9).