



**BLUFFDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA – JANUARY 16, 2020**

Notice is hereby given that the Bluffdale City Historic Preservation Commission will hold a public meeting **Thursday January 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM** at the Bluffdale City Hall located at **2222 West 14400 South**. Notice is further given that access to this meeting by members of the Historic Preservation Commission may be by electronic means via telephonic conference call. The agenda for this meeting is listed below. Please note that the meeting start time is approximate and subject to change.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING 7:00 PM

1. Invocation* and Pledge of Allegiance*.
2. Approval of November 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

Business Items

3. Setting the meeting schedule for the Historic Preservation Commission for the 2020 year.
4. Discussion regarding John Lee's proposed donation of farm implements to the City of Bluffdale.
5. Discussion regarding documentation of Bluffdale residents' oral histories.
6. Historic Preservation Commission Business (planning session for upcoming items, follow up, etc.).
7. Adjournment.

Dated: January 10, 2020

Caitlyn Miller, AICP
Senior Planner, City of Bluffdale

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*Contact Caitlyn Miller at (801)-254-2200*422 if you desire to give the Invocation or Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

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1 **Present:** Mark Hales, Chair (arrived at 6:56 p.m.)
2 Robin Thraen, Vice Chair
3 Kory Luker
4 Mel Spencer
5 Sheila Spencer
6 Arlene Parry
7 Rhonda Pilcher
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9 **Absent:** Andrea Hales
10 John Roberts
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12 **Staff:** Caitlyn Miller, Senior City Planner
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14 **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION BUSINESS MEETING**
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16 In the absence of Chair Mark Hales, Vice-Chair Robin Thraen called the meeting to order at 6:45
17 p.m.
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19 **1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.**
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21 Arlene Parry offered the invocation. Kory Luker led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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23 **2. Approval of the September 12, 2019, Meeting Minutes.**
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25 **Ross Jones moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019, meeting of the Historic**
26 **Preservation Commission, as written. Mel Spencer seconded the motion. Vote on the**
27 **motion: Ross Jones-Aye; Mel Spencer-Aye; Sheila Spencer-Aye; Arlene Parry-Aye; Rhonda**
28 **Pilcher-Aye; Kory Luker-Abstained; Robin Thraen-Aye. The motion passed unanimously**
29 **with one abstention. Chair Hales was not present for the vote.**
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31 **Business Items**
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33 **3. Historic Preservation Business (Planning Session for Upcoming Items, Follow-up,**
34 **etc.).**
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36 Commissioner Jones suggested that going forward meetings commence at 7:00 p.m. rather than
37 6:30 p.m. The consensus of the Commission was to change the meeting time to 7:00 p.m.
38 Commissioner Jones opined that having a large number of Commissioners seemed to make it more
39 difficult to have a quorum present, such as occurred in October. Vice-Chair Thraen observed that

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1 sometimes Commission Members may be unable to attend, but they can participate by telephone.
2 Discussion ensued on how to facilitate the attendance or telephonic participation by a quorum.

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4 Vice-Chair Thraen brought up her desire to obtain additional audio recordings from historical
5 Bluffdale residents. She noted that there had been a well-attended birthday party for Dale Crump.
6 That would have been a historically significant event to get oral histories. Discussion took place
7 on the ways to obtain and save oral histories. Commissioner Sheila Spencer suggested a visit with
8 Earl Webb, who could offer family assistance, if needed.

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10 Vice-Chair Thraen asked Commissioners Mel and Sheila Spencer to develop a list of people who
11 could be interviewed to provide oral histories. Commissioner Luker added that video would also
12 be a valuable medium. Commissioner Jones stated that video recordings are highly valuable since
13 they involve the preservation of historical artifacts in a way that might be unavailable in the not-
14 too-distant future.

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16 Commissioner Luker suggested that a set of questions be drafted as a starting point.
17 Commissioner Mel Spencer concurred that having a set of prepared questions would elicit better
18 feedback from the older citizens. The Commission discussed the names of people who could
19 potentially be interviewed. It was noted that Dale Crump and Ferris Dansie are veterans of World
20 War II. Commissioner Jones also suggested Boyd Mousley.

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22 Vice-Chair Thraen suggested that each Commission Member, or pair of Commissioners, choose
23 one person or couple and make an appointment to interview them, particularly war veterans.
24 Commissioner Luker suggested that questions be formulated at tonight's meeting.

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26 Chair Hales joined the meeting and assumed the Chair. He stated that John Lee contacted him and
27 wanted to donate four pieces of horse-drawn equipment from 1910 or 1914. They are large, so it
28 was uncertain whether the City could accept them. A City Council Work Session was scheduled
29 for Wednesday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m. where they could discuss the potential donation and
30 possible locations. Chair Hales invited the Commissioners to attend that meeting, if possible.
31 Commissioner Parry reported that the Lions Club at one time had equipment from the Mousley

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1 Farm on display at the park on 14400 South. Vice-Chair Thraen suggested a location near the
2 statue at Independence as a potential location for a piece of equipment.

3 Commissioner Jones stated that if the equipment can be displayed out in the open, he could put it
4 by the log cabin at the back of his property. Commissioner Jones reiterated that he would be very
5 interested in the equipment, but it would not be undercover at his place. Chair Hales commented
6 that Mr. Lee is looking to get rid of the equipment. Vice-Chair Thraen stated that there is an old
7 schoolhouse near her home that could be a possible site for the equipment. Chair Hales indicated
8 that interested parties could contact Public Works Director, Shane Paddock, for further
9 information.

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11 Chair Hales reported that he would be tendering his resignation from the Bluffdale Historic
12 Preservation Commission and this would be his last meeting. The General Election votes have not
13 been canvassed yet, but if the vote tallies hold up, he would begin serving on the City Council.

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15 **Mark Hales nominated Robin Thraen to serve as Chair of the Bluffdale Historic**
16 **Preservation Commission. Ross Jones seconded the motion.**

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18 **Robin Thraen nominated Ross Jones to serve as Vice-Chair. Kory Luker seconded the**
19 **motion. Vote on both motions: Mark Hales-Aye; Ross Jones-Aye; Kory Luker-Aye; Arlene**
20 **Parry-Aye; Rhonda Pilcher-Aye; Mel Spencer-Aye; Sheila Spencer-Aye; Robin Thraen-Aye.**
21 **The motions passed unanimously.**

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23 Commissioner Luker suggested that outgoing members of the City Council be interviewed to get
24 their opinions and perspectives regarding their experience as members of the City Council.
25 Commissioner Mel Spencer suggested that they also interview other former members of the City
26 Council. Vice-Chair Thraen suggested that the Commissioners develop questions for the different
27 interviews and present them at the next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting.

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29 Technology options were discussed. Senior City Planner, Caitlyn Miller reported that the City has
30 cameras with memory cards available for use that would allow the data stored on them to be

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1 downloaded to computers and allow interviews to be videoed. Commissioner Jones suggested that
2 the questions be developed and interview assignments made. Chair Hales stated that the questions
3 could be loosely worded to allow for flexibility when conducting interviews since the interviewees
4 love to share their stories.

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6 Vice-Chair Thraen suggested that all of the Commissioners compile a list of questions to be
7 presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Jones emphasized the urgency of conducting
8 interviews since some potential interviewees are quite advanced in age. For example, one
9 individual is close to turning 105 years old. Ms. Miller emphasized the need to get the stories
10 recorded before they are lost. Chair Hales added that making videos of the individuals and their
11 artifacts or photos would be important.

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13 Vice-Chair Thraen remarked that once the interviews are collected, they could be incorporated into
14 Bluffdale Days festivities. Commissioner Pilcher was still working through how to incorporate
15 social media into the historical preservation effort. It was noted that the City's Emergency
16 Program Manager, Natalie Hall, is an outstanding resource for posting items on social media.
17 Commissioner Luker suggested that items be posted on a regular basis to generate interest in the
18 historical heritage of Bluffdale.

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20 Ms. Miller reported that the Commission also discussed the idea of reserving a portion of the
21 City's monthly newsletter to providing information on items of historical significance and
22 educating the public. In response to Vice-Chair Thraen's question regarding the amount of space
23 available in the newsletter, Chair Hales stated that it could be brief and include hot links to other
24 sites germane to the article. Ms. Miller added that the Historic Preservation Commission has a
25 dedicated page on the City's website as well.

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27 In response to Vice-Chair Thraen's question as to whether there were funds in the Commission
28 budget to purchase frames for photos, Ms. Miller replied in the affirmative. They could be placed
29 behind the display cases. In response to the question regarding the deadline for placing items in
30 the newsletter, Ms. Miller stated that it was at the beginning of the last week of the month. At

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1 each of the Commission Meetings, a Commission Member would be assigned to submit a story for
2 inclusion in the newsletter. Discussion ensued on the types of stories to include and the process
3 for submitting them. The first was to be due in January. In the December newsletter and teaser
4 could be included to announce forthcoming stories. Commissioner Pilcher read a piece on how
5 Bluffdale got its name, which would be included in the newsletter in December.

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7 Commissioner Mel Spencer shared additional historical information on how Bluffdale got its
8 name. It was determined that the information needs to be verified to ensure the accuracy of the
9 history that is provided to the citizens of Bluffdale. Chair Hales observed that this discussion
10 underscores the importance of getting histories written down, especially those that come from
11 primary sources, such as personal journals. Relying on memories can be risky. Chair Hales stated
12 that this discussion also underscores the importance of having the Historic Preservation
13 Commission vet stories before they are printed and disseminated to the public.

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15 In response to Vice-Chair Thraen’s question regarding how to remedy the differences of opinion
16 on the historical piece written by Commissioner Pilcher, Commissioner Luker first asked when the
17 history was written. He noted that the city where he grew up did not exist when he was born, but
18 he refers to it as the city in which he was born. Commissioner Mel Spencer stated that the history
19 would be determined by the dates people were in the area. For example, the name Mousley would
20 not have been used prior to the arrival of Mousley family. Chair Hales stated that historical details
21 are difficult to pin down and the chronology may not be as important as the overall history of the
22 name.

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24 In response to Vice-Chair Thraen’s question as to whether the Commission wanted to approve the
25 piece written by Commissioner Pilcher, Commissioner Mel Spencer did not object as long as it
26 does not specify the sequence of events. The consensus was to include Commissioner Pilcher’s
27 piece in the December newsletter.

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29 Commissioner Mel Spencer had historical pictures he wished to share.

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31 The next Commission Meeting was scheduled for December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

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2 Chair Hales reported that his resignation would go into effect at the conclusion of tonight’s
3 meeting. The number of Commission Members would decrease to nine, which would require five
4 for a quorum. His wife, Commissioner Andrea Hales, would be able to attend meetings after his
5 resignation.

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7 **6. Adjournment.**

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9 The Historic Preservation Commission Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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14 Caitlyn Miller, AICP
15 Senior Planner, City of Bluffdale

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17 Approved: _____

Item 3

2020 Annual Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the Bluffdale Historic Preservation Commission – The Bluffdale Historic Preservation Commission generally will meet on the second calendar Thursday of each month, with meetings to begin generally at 7:00pm, at the Bluffdale City Hall, 2222 West 14400 South, Bluffdale, Utah, on the following dates:

January 16	May 14	September 10
February 13	June 11	October 08
March 12	July 09	November 12
April 09	August 13	December 10

Item 4

Historical Preservation Project

Concept Plan

1. Picnic Pavilion with Display areas - conceptually pictured - when budget allows (Approx. 32' x 40')

2nd side could be fenced as needed for display.

Interior corridor would have high side walls for hanging of acquired items. Items would be out of reach to users

Picnic Benches in the interior corridor

Fenced areas to have gates and allow for patrons to walk through, under supervision, during special events such as Old West Days

Placement would be in the NE corner of the main grass; proximity would be a deterrent for vandalism. (Plenty of space to not inhibit the soccer field)

Building could be donation and sponsor, as well as volunteer, driven like the Old West Buildings (All three Old West Buildings cost 27,000 TOTAL)

Plaques on posts would tell of the items and who donated/ loaned them for display.

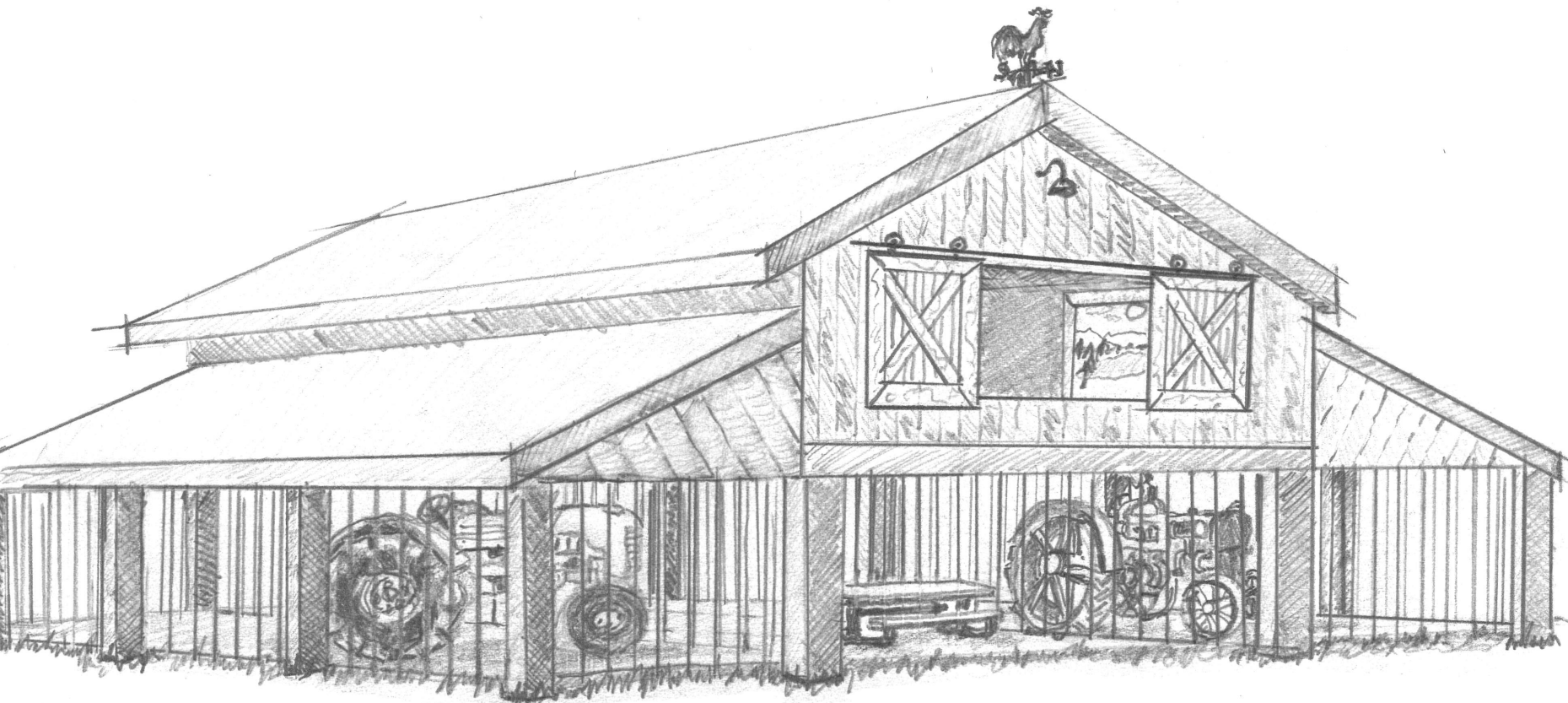
Some minor storage spaces.

2. Upkeep of historical items such as tractor or other implements could be done by a

Volunteer – MAYOR/COUNCIL appointed Curator. Plaque could be posted with the names of the curators and their time of service.

3. Overall community benefits in addition to the preservation of historical items in our city:

- a. Additional picnic rental space
- b. Much needed shade during Old West Days and other events.
- c. Community involvement for building, and upkeep.
- d. Somewhere for our seniors to leave their legacy of equipment or other “outdoor” contributions.
- e. Opportunity for seniors to share stories at events of the equipment and uses etc.
- f. Creates unity between generations.



Kiri Ferguson
2019

Item 5

**Historic Preservation
Commission Business**