



State of Nevada
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Joseph Curtis, *Chair*

MINUTES OF THE COMSTOCK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

DATE: Tuesday, September 1, 2026

PLACE: Comstock Historic District Commission Office, 20 North E. Street, Virginia City, Nevada 89440

WORKSHOP MEETING: None

REGULAR MEETING TIME: 5:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The Pledge was recited.

COMMISSIONER ROLL CALL. Quorum was achieved.

Joe Curtis – Present
Clay Mitchell – Absent
Mercedes de la Garza – Present
David Bates – Absent
Calvin Dillon – Present
Nancy Cleaves – Present
Julie Workman – Present
Tammy Hendrix – Present

Comstock Facility Supervisor, Marc Ennis - Present
Deputy Attorney General, Alexa Ravencroft – Present
Comstock Preservation & History Officer, Jason Lilienthal – Present

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 MEETING AGENDA.

Cal Dillon moved to approve. Mercedes de la Garza seconded. The September meeting agenda was approved unanimously.

OPENING PUBLIC COMMENT.

Comstock Historic District Commission (CHDC) Chair, Joe Curtis, opened the meeting to public comment by stating that comments relevant to the CHDC would be taken at the beginning and at the end of the meeting and at the discretion of the Chair on agenda items listed for possible action.

Comments were limited to three minutes per person and not restricted by viewpoint. It was advised that no action would be taken on any matters raised during the public comment period and all members of the public providing comment would first be asked to begin by stating their name for the record. The Chair opened the floor to the public for comment.

No public comment made.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS.

- I. Chair Report – Joe Curtis – None to report.
- II. Commissioner Comments – Julie Workman has a handout on sculptures pertaining to item three.
- III. Preservation Officer's Report – Jason Lilienthal reported that four administrative approvals (AAs) were issued since the last commission meeting in August. Also reminded the commission of the upcoming NAPC Camp to be held September 24-26, 2026 and to contact Jean-Guy Dube for more information.

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2026 MEETING MINUTES.

Mercedes de la Garza motioned for approval of the August minutes. Motion seconded by Julie Workman. The February meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

ITEM ONE: REHABILITATION/REPAIRS – B STREET PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Item not considered due to materials not ready for presentation to the commission.

ITEM TWO: NEW CONSTRUCTION – INTERPRETIVE RAILROAD SPIKES IN TEN LOCATIONS

Preservation Officer, Jason Lilienthal, introduced the item and presented images regarding exact placement of the interpretive spikes.

Sara Sturz from Storey County reported additional information that county owned land will pay for the installation of the spikes and maintenance. Spikes installed on private land, Storey County will not pay for the installation. Any installation on private lands will need to comply with applicable Storey County code and will require coordination with Storey County Community Development. Sara Sturz added that the railroad spikes will be on the September 15, 2026 Storey County Commission agenda for consideration.

Chair – Joe Curtis – stated opposition to placement of 4' railroad spike at The Pit Stop (610 South C St).

Discussion was held. Questions asked and clarified.

Mercedes de la Garza motioned to approve all the proposed locations including option 1 & option 2 for Silver Terrace Cemetery and to deny placement of 4' spike at The Pit Stop (610 South C St)

Nancy Cleaves seconded.

The motion was approved unanimously.

ITEM THREE: NEW CONSTRUCTION – RABBIT MAN SCULPTURE

Preservation Officer, Jason Lilienthal, introduced the item and presented images regarding exact placement of the sculpture including its dimensions.

Executive Director of St. Mary's Arts Center – Arika Perry – provided additional information regarding the purpose of the sculpture and answered questions posed by the commission.

Commissioner – Julie Workman – presented a historical guidelines for sculptures handout to all commission members. Commissioner Workman read aloud information on handout and expressed a concern that allowing

such sculptures to be installed will be setting a precedent as the proposed sculpture does not fit the criteria in the handout as commemorative, or a cultural representation, or public art installation, or as a memorial. Preservation Officer, Jason Lilienthal, noted to commission that this item is not setting a precedent. That each item is to be considered on a case-by-case basis and to consider whether it is appropriate and compatible to the district and site.

Discussion was held.

Mercedes de la Garza motioned to approve the item in the location as presented with the caveat that a historic indicator be adjacent to it.

Cal Dillon seconded.

Motion approved by 3-2 vote: (Mercedes de la Garza, Cal Dillon, and Tammy Hendrix in favor; Julie Workman and Nancy Cleaves in opposition).

CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENT.

Joe Curtis stated that public comments may be limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the chair for specific agenda items. Comment will not be restricted based on the viewpoint. No action will be taken on any matters raised during the public comment period that are not already on the agenda. All those providing comments are asked to begin by stating their full name for the record. The Chair opened the floor to the public for comment. The Chair opened the floor to the public for comment.

No public comment made.

ADJOURNMENT.

Joe Curtis asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Mercedes de la Garza moved to adjourn. Nancy Cleaves seconded. Adjournment was approved unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:55 pm

Minutes transcribed by Jason Lilienthal from the recording and reviewed by Joe Curtis.