

Minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission  
For the City of Hayden, Kootenai County, Idaho

March 9, 2017

Regular Meeting: 5:00 pm

City Council Chambers

Hayden City Hall, 8930 N Government Way, Hayden, ID 83835

*"The mission of the Hayden Historic Preservation Commission is to gather, preserve, and advance the story of the Hayden Community."*

**Call to Order:** Chair Eichelberger called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

**Roll Call of Commission Members:** Chair Eichelberger, Vice-Chair Bennett, and Commissioner Masters are present. Commissioner Boston is absent.

**Flag Salute** – Chair Eichelberger led the flag salute.

**1. Consent Calendar**

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2017 regular meeting by Vice-Chair Bennett and seconded by Commissioner Masters. Motion approved.

**2. Unfinished Business**

- a. Update on Editing of History Book Volume 1 – Chair Eichelberger noted that the contract has been approved by City Council and signed by the parties. Families have been sent by Chair Eichelberger and we expect the first set of families back shortly.
- b. Hayden History Book Volume II Recap - Vice-Chair Bennett reported on the following eleven families:

- i. After interview with Janet Haakenson started the histories for Walter J. Burns and Gus and Ruth Best. Janet is a Best and daughter of Gus and Ruth. Her brother is Charles "Bunny" Best, the young boy riding to school on the horse with Pfeiffer is riding and her dog Teddy is running alongside. (this is her most favorite picture)

Have tried to contact Bunny Best by phone and have left two messages. He is our only hope in getting these two histories put together. Obtained many wonderful pictures from Janet H, but no history; although she did have a couple of good stories. Judy and I visited her together.

The Burns family owned about 25 acres which they named Burns Park located just around the north end of Hayden Lake on the east side; maybe a mile past the big ranch. Property was bought around 1935 and a lot cabin was built on the water's edge in Skinner Bay. Their children attended the East Hayden Lake School located in Mokin's Bay. Walter married Beatrice Cos, they had four children. Their oldest, Ruth married Gust Best a neighbor and they had two children: Charles "Bunny" Best and Janet "Cookie" (Best) Haakenson.

- ii. The histories Vice-Chair Bennett is currently working: