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27 March 2020

Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

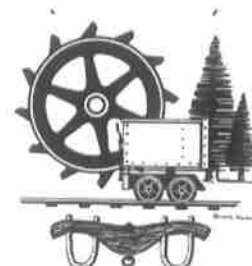
Honorable Chair and Board Members:

At today's meeting of the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of a plaque commemorating Ellen Clark Sargent be approved. Applicants are The Native Daughters of the Golden West, the Daughters of the American Revolution and The Nevada County Historical Society. The plaque is to be placed in Calanan Park, and Nevada City, which owns the park, has approved the placement. It is to be designated as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-03.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution giving women the right to vote. That amendment was in a sense born in Nevada County, by the efforts of Ellen Sargent, prominent suffragist, and her husband, U. S. Senator Aaron Sargent. A leader in the fight for women's right to vote, she founded the Nevada County Woman's Suffrage Association in 1869. She was the President of the California Woman Suffrage Association and Treasurer of the National Woman Suffrage Association. Her tireless work resulted in California women winning the right to vote in 1911.

The applicants have provided a thorough and compelling level of research and documentation to accompany the application, which has been reviewed by the Commission for historical accuracy. The application and supporting documentation is enclosed.

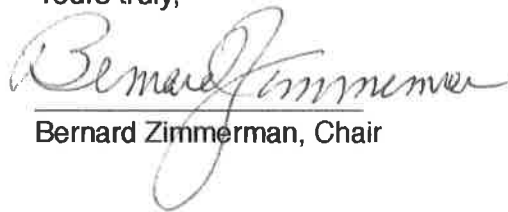
If you approve the application, please forward the resolution and accompanying documents to the County Recorder.



If you have any further questions do not hesitate to contact me. I should mention that there is some urgency to proceeding. We would like to unveil the plaque at an appropriate ceremony on August 20, the 100th anniversary date. Because of the pandemic, our plaque supplier has been forced to reduce its staff and consequently its output. Accordingly, the sooner this application is processed, the more likely the plaque will be ready for the ceremony.

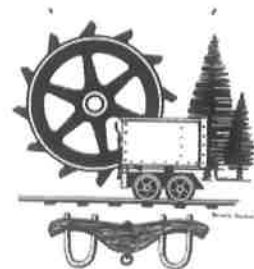
Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,



Bernard Zimmerman, Chair

Cc: w/o enc.  
The Native Daughters of the Golden West,  
The Daughters of the American Revolution  
The Nevada County historical Society.



County of Nevada  
State of California

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission  
Application for Registration of Historical Landmark

Name of proposed landmark: Ellen Clark Sargent Plaque

Location: Calanan Park, corner of Broad St. and Union St. in Nevada City

Name(s) addresses and phone numbers of applicant(s):

- Nevada County Historical Society, 161 the Nevada City Highway, Nevada City, CA 95959, 530-265-7569 NCHS History Center, 650-888-1379 Linda Jack
- The Captain John Oldham Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, 397 French Ave, Grass Valley, CA 94590, 530-273-6140
- Native Daughters of the Golden West, 555 Baker St., San Francisco, CA 94117, 415-921-2664

Name and address of landowner upon whose property proposed landmark is located, if owner is not applicant: the city of Nevada City, 317 Broad Street Nevada City, CA 95959

I authorize the placing of a plaque or marker on site.

*Cathie Olson*

3/3/20

Landowner's signature

Date

\* Approved Per the Planning Commission Meeting 2/20/20

Brief history and description of proposed landmark: The plaque will be placed on an existing stone in Calanan Park. The park is owned by the city of Nevada City, which has approved the placement of the plaque in the park. The plaque will honor Ellen Clark Sargent, a prominent suffragist who was an important advocate for woman's suffrage at the local, state, and national level. She arrived in Nevada City in 1852, joining her husband Aaron A. Sargent who had arrived in the city in 1849. Ellen's advocacy of the woman's suffrage movement spanned much of her adult life, from the late 1860s until her death on July 13, 1911. Susan B. Anthony was a close friend of Ellen, and a frequent guest in the Sargent homes in California and Washington D.C. Ellen was associated with many of the important local, regional and national suffrage organizations. Regrettably, Ellen died three months before California voted to grant women the right to vote in the election of October 10, 1911.

Ellen's political activism in Nevada City included the formation of the Nevada County Woman's Suffrage Association in 1869. The organization included many of the prominent women of the city. The organization's activities cannot be associated with any particular location(s) in Nevada City as the meetings were held at the homes of at least six of the members, and at several different public buildings, some of which no longer exist. But most of their group's meetings were held in the downtown area. The night before the California election on October 10, 1911, a grand rally was held as the crowd processed through the streets down to the bottom of Broad Street for speeches and music. Calanan Park would provide a central focus for the woman's suffrage movement locally, and for Ellen Clark Sargent's contributions to it.

Unique aspects or properties of proposed landmark: This will be the only plaque in Nevada County to honor Ellen Clark Sargent, the Suffrage movement and the passage into law of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on August 20, 1920.

How will the landmark be protected and maintained? The Public Works Department of Nevada City will maintain the landmark.

Bibliography: Cite or attach available books, records, articles or other materials pertaining to the proposed landmark:

Books and articles:

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- Silver, Mae. "Ellen Clark Sargent". Found SF. Retrieved 13 April 2014.
- *Suffragette Tax Resister Ellen C. Sargent* (28 Nov. 2008), viewed on 21 Jan. 2019 at [sniggle.net](http://sniggle.net).
- *The Selected Papers of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: National protection for national citizens, 1873 to 1880*. Rutgers University Press. 2003. p. 30.

Historical or civil records: (e.g., ownership, assessments etc.): the Native Daughters of the Golden West donated Calanan Park to Nevada City.

Other: (e.g. photographs, prints or drawings. Please list and attach separately)

- *Title Page of Constitution and Minutes of the Nevada County Woman's Suffrage Association*, Nevada County Historical Society, Searls Historical Library
- Photo of Ellen Clark Sargent, Nevada County Historical Society, Searls Historical Library PIC 6-SAR 17
- Photo of Ellen Clark Sargent (1872), Nevada County Historical Society, Searls Historical Library PIC 6-SAR 15

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's signature 

\_\_\_\_\_  
2-25-2020 Date



This completed form and all related documents shall be sent to the:

Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission  
Attention: Chairman  
P. O. Box 1014, Nevada City, Cal. 95959

An application must be considered solely on its historic or architectural merits and not for commercial gain, political benefits, or other non-historical reasons.  
An individual Commissioner can advise and counsel an applicant, but all applications must be considered by the full Commission, meeting in regular session.

# Constitution of the Nevada County

## Woman's Suffrage Association.

### Article 1<sup>st</sup>

Section 1<sup>st</sup>. Name and Object. This Association shall be called known as the Woman's Suffrage Association, for the County of Nevada.

Section 2. The object of this Association shall be to obtain for Woman the right of Suffrage in this State, and the United States; and we hereby pledge our individual and united efforts to the end.

### Article 2.

Section 1. Members. Any person may become a member of this Association by subscribing to the Constitution, and paying an initiation fee of fifty cents, and twenty five cents per month thereafter and none others can hold office or vote in this Association.

### Article 3. Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice Presidents from each townships in the County, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee of not less than five nor more than ten members.



Little Mother. Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 1879



*Ellen Clark Sargent*



# REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

City of Nevada City  
317 Broad Street  
Nevada City, CA 95959  
[www.nevadacityca.gov](http://www.nevadacityca.gov)

November 13, 2019

**TITLE:** Plaque Honoring Ellen Clark Sargent at Calanan Park

**RECOMMENDATION:** Provide staff direction on an application by the Nevada County Historical Society to install a plaque honoring Ellen Sargent at Calanan Park.

**CONTACT:** Amy Wolfson, City Planner

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:** Due to PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs this item was continued from the October 23, 2019 City Council meeting which was adjourned due to lack of quorum from the shutoffs.

The Nevada County Historical Society has submitted an application to place a plaque in an existing granite form at Calanan Park. The plaque will honor Ellen Clark Sargent's contribution to the women's suffrage movement. Additional information on Sargent's contribution is attached.

The City has an adopted application procedure for installing historic plaques, as well as a procedure for placing artifacts on City property. The two procedures are similar for plaques installation in terms of requiring a bronze-like appearance, and specifying the exact wording. The procedure for placing items within city property also requires that the applicant list efforts undertaken to gather public opinion and community support. To that end, the applicant indicated that the effort is being backed by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of the Golden West, and the Nevada County Historical Society. Staff also reached out to Miriam Morris, the park's unofficial caretaker, who has indicated support for the project (see email attachment). Staff is seeking direction for whether or not any additional effort by the applicant is recommended to gather community support.

**PLAQUE DESIGN:** The plaque will be similar in design style to the one mounted on 309 Broad Street (Golden Era), but will feature text honoring Sargent:

*Plaque at 309 Broad St.*



*Proposed Plaque Text*

## **ELLEN CLARK SARGENT (1826-1911)**

### **Prominent -Suffragette**

A longtime resident of Nevada City and founder of the Nevada County Woman's Suffrage Association in 1869. President of the California Woman Suffrage Association. Treasurer of the National Woman Suffrage Association. Led the campaign that secured California women the right to vote in 1911. Inspired the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which had been introduced by her husband, Senator Aaron A. Sargent, in 1878 and enacted on August 20, 1920.

Nevada County Historical Landmark  
Registered \_\_\_\_\_, 2020: NEV 20-07

Plaque dedicated 2020 by [name participating orgs.]

Normally, a plaque proposal can be approved by the Planning Commission without City Council action. However, because the location is a City-owned property, the City Council must first provide permission as the representative property owner. Staff is seeking Council's direction to send this plaque proposal to the Planning Commission for review and final action.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Staff recommends that the project may be exempt consistent with Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, as "construction of small new, small facilities or structures."

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Labor and materials will be provided by the Nevada County Historical Society

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- ✓ Historic Plaque Application
- ✓ Plaque Text Exhibit
- ✓ Picture of existing granite form proposed to hold the plaque
- ✓ 2005 Union Article, "Calanan Park and Nevada City's 'Bronze Jungles'"
- ✓ Summary of the suffragette contribution of Ellen Clark Sargent, by Bernard Zimmerman
- ✓ Emails indicating public support.

**HISTORIC PLAQUE APPLICATION FORM**

Building Address: CALANAN PARK, COR. BROAD & UNION STS

Owner's Name(s): NEVADA CITY, FORMERLY NATIVE DAUGHTERS

Telephone Numbers: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque Vendor Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ (Email) \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Original Construction (and of any additions): PARK ACQUIRED BY NATIVE DAUGHTERS - 1922

**Provide the following information about your building:**

Is this building considered a contributing building to the Nevada City Historic District's inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places? Y / N

Is this building associated with a notable person or event? If so provide a succinct description of the person or event and their relationship with the building.

PLAQUE WILL HONOR ELLEN SARGENT, PROMINENT SUFFRAGIST. SHE FOUNDED NEVADA COUNTY WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION IN 1869. THE ASSOCIATION MET IN VARIOUS BUILDINGS, SOME OF WHICH NO LONGER EXIST, LOCATED AROUND CALANAN PARK

*Please sign the following statement:*

The applicant(s) certifies that the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if not the owner, an owner authorization statement must be submitted)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**HISTORIC PLAQUE APPLICATION FORM**

Building Address: Calanan Park, corner of Broad St. and Union St.

Owner's Name(s): Nevada City, formerly Native Daughters of the Golden West

Telephone Numbers: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Plaque Vendor Contact: TBD (Email) \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) of Original Construction (and of any additions): Park acquired by Native Daughters in 1922

Provide the following information about your building:

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Please sign the following statement:

The applicant(s) certifies that the information on this application is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge.

Signed: 

Print Name: Linda K. Jack, Nevada County Historical Society (if not the owner, an owner authorization statement must be submitted)

Date: 10-1-2-19

## **ELLEN CLARK SARGENT (1826-1911)**

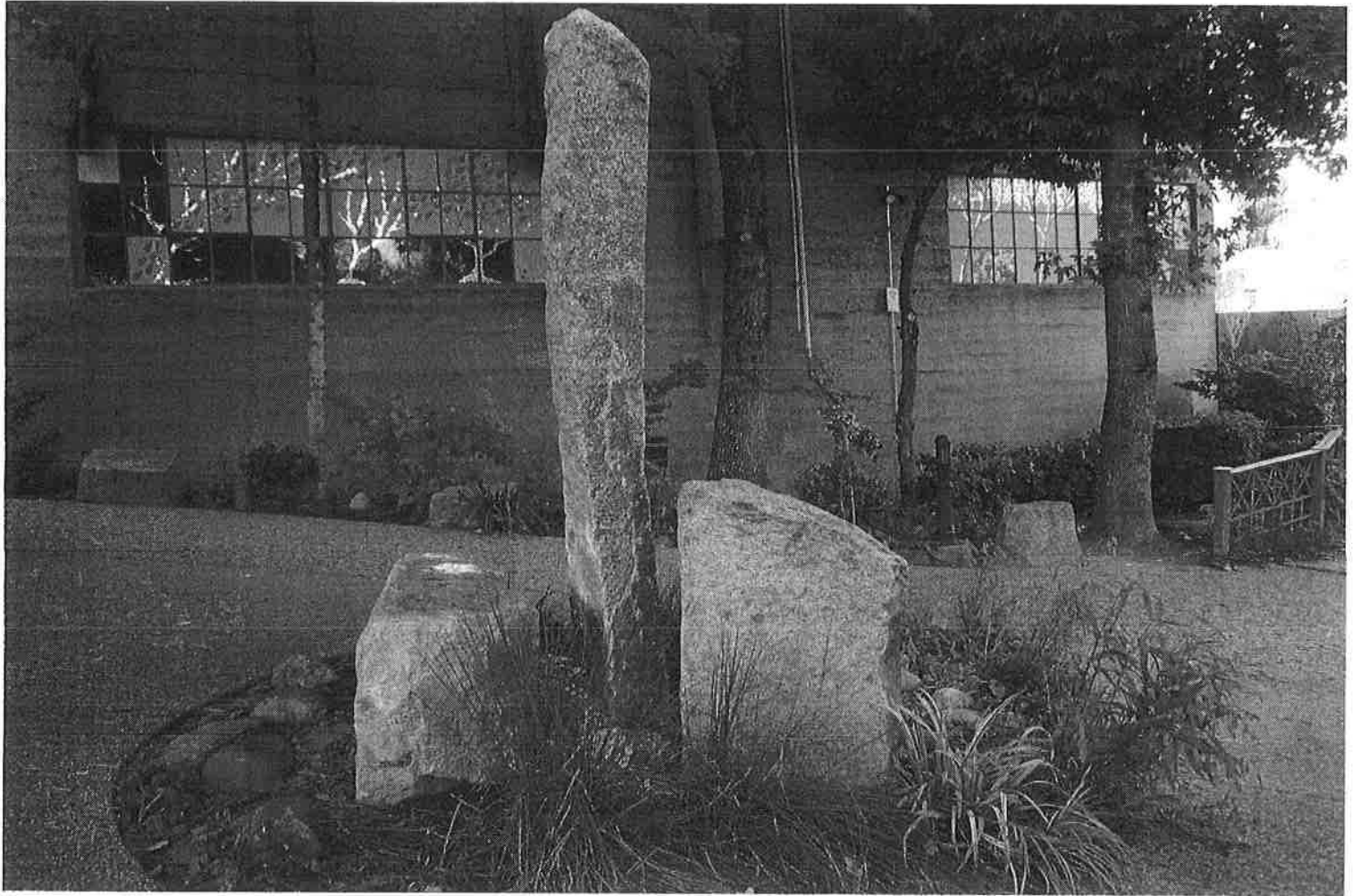
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Nevada County Historical Landmark

Registered \_\_\_\_\_, 2020: NEV 20-0?

Plaque dedicated 2020 by [name participating orgs.]



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## Calanan Park and Nevada City's 'Bronze Jungles'

News | January 17, 2005

Bob Wyckoff

Second of two parts

BEGINNING in the decade of the 1960s, Nevada City became increasingly aware of its responsibility to protect and preserve its most valuable historic resource – the town itself. Farsighted city councils and staff members aided by interested residents banded together to pass ordinances protecting the architectural integrity of the 19th century while providing for the necessary 20th and 21st century health and safety innovations. These assurances guarantee that future generations will be able to enjoy Nevada City's unique place in California Gold Rush history. The resulting transformation has reshaped the downtown core area into a shopping and sightseeing mecca for visitors and tourists worldwide. Nevada City is regarded as the finest example of a preserved – not restored, or rebuilt – Gold Rush community anywhere in California. It has been featured in travel articles in both the national and international press. A positive side effect is the seemingly endless placement of markers pointing out this or that fact about the town, its history or its buildings. Many of the downtown structures have been marked by E Clampus Vitus No. 10, as part of that group's ongoing history preservation project.

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CALANAN PARK – This little spot of "green" was given to the city by the United States Department of the Interior in 1971. It had been used as a park for many years prior to its official acquisition and, like Robinson Plaza named for a city official, George Calanan, the city clerk who for many years assumed the role of city manager even though there was no such office. He was also a member of the board of directors of the Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad and was appointed receiver when the road entered bankruptcy. "Mr. Nevada City," as he was called, died in Nov. 1951 at age 79.

Today, the park is filled with all manner of relics from a hydraulic mining nozzle, to an ore car, a gate valve, an experimental drill core ... all except the ore car, are dutifully plaqued; there is little room for many more artifacts. Paved pathways meander through the area and low rock and brick walls provided seats for park denizens. There are even sections of steel bridge railing separating pedestrians from planted areas. Landscaping is quite mature and consists in part of laurel, holly, a type of cypress, annual and perennial plantings in addition to the town's somewhat ailing white fir Christmas tree. However, in the wings ready to assume the town tree mantle is a tall, double-headed coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) standing north behind the fir.

Let's take a look at the bronze plaques in the park. The first was placed "In memory of the pioneers of Nevada City. Dedicated August 21, 1963 by the Nevada City Woman's (sic) Club." This small tablet is on top of the wall facing Broad Street, near the hydraulic gold mining monitor which artifact was dedicated as "Historic," on Nov. 11, 1965, by Hydraulic Parlor No. 56, Native Sons of the Golden West.

The plaque briefly outlines the hydraulic process which was the most destructive of all the methods used to mine gold. The name "Monitor," was originally a trade name for a particular brand of nozzle, but became generic with use. The force of water leaving the nozzle was great enough to disintegrate a 3-foot thick brick wall at a distance of 50 feet!

North, behind the monitor is a 21-inch gate valve with an interesting past, one that pairs it with the monitor. Again, the green painted, steel railing is from the demolished Gault Bridge, built in 1903, that crossed Deer Creek on South Pine Street. The replacement bridge, built in 1996, is a faithful representation of the Gault.

A stainless steel drinking fountain with plaque and monument was donated by the Nevada City Lions Club. It is a memorial to three of the club's deceased members, "who gave 114 years of service to our city," and stands beyond the gate valve.

The most unusual artifact in Calanan Park is found facing Union Street, originally called Union Alley. It is truly a unique piece of gold mining history, an experimental shaft drill core from the Idaho-Maryland Mine. This work was done in 1935-36.

South of the drill core, mounted on a granite slab, is a plaque to Nevada City itself, to its National Register of Historic Places status. Placed by the Native Sons of the Golden West No. 56, Sept. 23, 1985.

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# **Ellen Clark**

## **Sargent** By Bernard Zimmerman

Next year, 2020, will be the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the US constitution, granting women the right to vote. Nevada County was the birthplace of the Amendment, as its parents were Aaron and Ellen Sargent. Much is known about Aaron, one of the most prominent sons of Nevada County: publisher, politician, Congressman, Senator and Ambassador. Much less is known about Ellen, one of the most prominent daughters of Nevada County. This is her story.

Ellen Clark was born in Massachusetts in 1826. As a teenager in Newburyport Massachusetts, she fell in love with Aaron Augustus Sargent, one year her junior, an aspiring journalist and politician. Both taught Sunday school in the local Methodist Church. <sup>1</sup>

In 1847 Aaron left Ellen to begin the journey which in 1849 brought him to Nevada City to search for gold. He built a four room house on Broad Street and in early 1852 returned to Newburyport where he and Ellen were married on March 15. They arrived in Nevada City that October. Ellen wrote of her arrival:

"My good husband had before my arrival provided for me a one story house of four rooms including a good sized pantry where he had already stored a bag of flour, a couple of pumpkins and various other edibles ready for use." <sup>2</sup>

While Aaron prospered in business, politics and the law, Ellen raised three children, daughters Ellen (b. 1854) and Elizabeth (b. 1857) and son George (b. 1860). She was always an advocate of women's rights and in



1869 founded the Nevada County Woman's Suffrage Association. Soon<sup>3</sup> afterward, she became president of the California Woman Suffrage

Enss, Chris, COWGIRL LIFE (23 Oct. 2018), Wild Women Of The West: Ellen Clark Sargent, <sup>1</sup>viewed on 21 January 2019 at Cowgirlmagazine.com.

Id. <sup>2</sup>Harris, Gloria G.; Cohen, Hannah S. (2012) Women Trailblazers of California: Pioneers to the <sup>3</sup>Present, pp. 64-8.

Association. In 1869, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton<sup>4</sup> founded the National Woman Suffrage Association, to advocate for a constitutional amendment granted women the right to vote. Ellen soon<sup>5</sup> became its treasurer.<sup>6</sup>

Susan B. Anthony was a close friend of Ellen's, and a frequent guest in the Sargent homes in California and Washington D.C. A sense of the depth of their relationship can be gleaned from the over 30 years of correspondence between them.

For example, In 1872, Aaron was elected to the United States Senate and the Sargent family moved to Washington. Susan accompanied the Sargent family on their trip across the country. In Wyoming, the train stalled in a snowstorm. Wrote Susan:

"...young Georgie Sargent got out to explore, slipped on the snow and broke his arm. Watching the painful bone-setting of her little son's arm, Ellen fainted."<sup>7</sup>

Ellen lived in Washington on and off, for 12 years. When Aaron was appointed Minister to Germany, she accompanied him to Berlin. She<sup>8</sup> enjoyed her time in Europe, and the ministerial life, though she candidly wrote George:

"...I expect to go to the Court Entertainment of January 19. Your mother

will appear in a dress decollete, without sleeves, such is the tyranny of court fashion, but still, it seems best that I should go. Of course, I can stay away, but if I go I must conform to the custom".<sup>9</sup>

Silver, Mae, Ellen Clark Sargent, viewed on Aug. 17, 2019 at foundsf.org.<sup>4</sup> The Selected Papers of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: National protection<sup>5</sup> for national citizens, 1873 to 1880. Rutgers University Press. 2003. p. 30. ISBN 9780813523194; Mead, Rebecca J. (2004), How the Vote was Won: Woman Suffrage in the Western United States, 1868-1914. NYU Press. p. 38. ISBN 978-0-8147-5676-8.

Id.<sup>6</sup>

Id.<sup>7</sup>

See March 17, 1883 letter from Ellen to Susan in Sleeve 59-60 of Box 4 of the Sargent<sup>8</sup> Papers (hereafter Sargent Papers) at the Searls Historical Library in Nevada City.

Ellen to George, Jan. 6, 1883, Sargent Papers, Box 2, Sleeve 15-6.

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Upon her return to the US, she wrote Susan:

"I assure you it seems great to be once more on American soil, and I believe myself to have a more just appreciation of my country since my sojourn in foreign lands. We are far from being a perfect people or a perfect government, but it seems to me there is more hope of our growing to the full stature of men and women here, than of those who are under the conditions of the old world".<sup>10</sup>

Aaron died in 1887. Susan immediately sent her condolences:

"Where is the man who will do publicly - what your noble husband did so bravely for the cause of women during the terms of his congressional life".<sup>11</sup>

Ellen  
replied:

"I have thought often of you, but a multiplicity of cares and my depression of spirits at the loss of my dear husband has prevented me from writing to you. We are gradually returning to our normal tone of feeling and to the duties of everyday life, for we must go on with living however dearest friends may drop from our sight. It seems to me like a fearful dream all the time. I don't know that I want any more of life for myself, but my family and friends still hold me, and I am always hoping that I may still do a little for the world that it may be some better for my having lived in it." <sup>12</sup>

Ellen returned to San Francisco, where the Sargents had bought a home before he was elected to the Senate. She continued her activities with the California Woman Suffrage Association and the National American Women

Sargent Papers, July 29, 1884, Box 4, Sleeve 67-68. <sup>10</sup>

Sargent Papers, undated, Box 4, Sleeve 35-6. <sup>11</sup> Sargent  
Papers, October 3, 1887, Box 4, Sleeve 75-6. <sup>12</sup>

Suffrage Association. She also helped found the Century Club, San

<sup>13</sup> Francisco's first woman's club, still in existence. <sup>14</sup>

Ellen and Susan continued to correspond. Over the years, Ellen shared some of her doubts and concerns:

"How is it with our countrywomen? Have we any influence at all in shaping the legislature of this country? Have we any power hidden or acknowledged? In short have women anything to do with the present campaign? Will anybody do anything for us? Will we do anything for

ourselves?"<sup>15</sup>

Somewhat later, Ellen wrote:

I wish Mr. S. could go to Washington and do for the woman what Sumner did for the colored man. Oh it seems to me we must come to our time soon. "Watchwoman what of the night"? What of the dawn?"<sup>16</sup>

Susan often gave advice:

"You need a score of good organizers... in as many different counties every single day - but while you may not find organizers - you must be able to find good canvassers with the petitions - it needs intelligent women - who can give the reasons for our position - paid agents as a rule - aren't good for much - because they do not understand the great principles upon which our claim rests."<sup>17</sup>

When Ellen was preparing a suffrage petition, Susan cautioned:

I think it's stronger not to say "woman" or "sex" - just Equal suffrage - and "Citizenship the basis of suffrage."<sup>18</sup>

This organization resulted from a merger of the American Woman Suffrage Association with<sup>13</sup>the National Woman Suffrage Association.

Silver, Mae; Cazaly Sue (2000) *The Sixth Star*, p. 29.<sup>14</sup> Sargent Papers, July 29, 1884, Box 4, Sleeve 67-8.<sup>15</sup> Sargent Papers, Ellen to Susan, Dec. 28, 1884, Box 4, Sleeve 71-2.<sup>16</sup> Sargent Papers, undated, Box 4, Sleeve 3-4.<sup>17</sup> Sargent Papers, Susan to Ellen, July 20, 1895, Box 4, Sleeve 81-2.<sup>18</sup>

At the age of 74, Ellen became a tax protester. Her position was simple: why should she have to pay taxes to a government that wouldn't let her

vote. She lost her court case, but continued to file tax protests. Her <sup>19 20</sup> actions caused other wealthy women taxpayers to also protest. Finally in 1911, she led the campaign for a successful California referendum which amended the California constitution to give women the right to vote. <sup>21</sup>

Ellen died during the referendum campaign. The City of San Francisco held its first public memorial for a woman, during which it was said: "It was her strong conviction that the ballot, in the hands of women, would help to redeem the world." State flags were flown at half-mast. <sup>22 23</sup>

In 1878, Aaron while a U.S. Senator had proposed a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote, It got nowhere for 40 years. It was reintroduced in 1919 and enacted in 1920 as the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution. It is Ellen's eternal memorial.

San Francisco Chronicle, Nov. 28, 1900, p. 7. <sup>19</sup> San Francisco Call, Nov. 28, 1900, p. 7; May 23, 1901, p. 7. <sup>20</sup> Silver, Mae; Cazaly Sue (2000) *The Sixth Star*, p. 29; *Suffragette Tax Resister Ellen C. Sargent* <sup>21</sup>(28 Nov. 2008), viewed on Jan.21, 2019 at [sniggle.net](http://sniggle.net).

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<sup>22</sup>77. *Id.* <sup>23</sup>

**From:** Niel Locke <nalocke3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 4, 2019 6:49 AM  
**To:** Amy Wolfson <Amy.Wolfson@nevadacityca.gov>; Dawn Zydonis <Dawn.Zydonis@nevadacityca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Plaque Proposal

Good Monday Morning,

The 3 ( DAR, Daughters of the Golden West, Nevada County Historical Society) groups that are backing this effort should be both public opinion and community support enough.

That slab was recommended to the Chair of the Landmarks Commission by Steve Cottrell. My belief that no plaque should be placed on that gorgeous slab because of the history and human effort of creating that slab.

HIMA !!!

Cheers,

Niel

On Thu, Oct 31, 2019 at 4:06 PM Amy Wolfson <[Amy.Wolfson@nevadacityca.gov](mailto:Amy.Wolfson@nevadacityca.gov)> wrote:

Hi Niel,

I was talking to Dawn about your Plaque Proposal and found out that we actually also have an established process for placing things within a public park. For the most part, I think the submitted items cover the required material to be submitted. However, Dawn's process requires a "List of efforts undertaken to gather public opinion and community support." You guys may have already done some of this, but I think you might want to talk to the Chamber and perhaps to Miriam Morris. I am now planning on having this in the November 13 meeting so anything you can get me by Novemer 7 (so I can update the staff report by the 8<sup>th</sup>) will be helpful.

Also, Dawn provided some information about the large granite slab being placed for the express purpose of holding a plaque that honored George Calanan and Nevada City settlers. Not sure if that will affect the Council's decision or not, but I thought I'd let you know.

Amy Wolfson

City Planner

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**From:** Miriam Morris <miriamemorris@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 7, 2019 11:58 AM  
**To:** Amy Wolfson <Amy.Wolfson@nevadacityca.gov>  
**Cc:** Dawn Zydonis <Dawn.Zydonis@nevadacityca.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Plaque Proposal at Calanan Park

Thank you, Amy, that was very thoughtful. When I saw this on October's agenda, I thought it was an appropriate plaque for the park, especially because the park was started in the 1920's by a group of activist women who probably knew Ellen Sargent.

It isn't indicated on which stone in the grouping it will be placed, but as a frequent observer of visitors to the park, I would recommend the tall stone on the side facing Broad Street.

Thank you again for seeking my input. I feel I do have an intimate understanding of the park because of the seven years spent working on it.

Miriam

On Nov 6, 2019, at 3:21 PM, Amy Wolfson <[Amy.Wolfson@nevadacityca.gov](mailto:Amy.Wolfson@nevadacityca.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Miriam,

The City is receipt of a proposal from the Historical Society to install a plaque on one of the granite slabs in Calanan Park, honoring Ellen Sargent. Attached is the proposal. I am reaching out to you as the unofficial guardian/groundskeeper/gardener of the park, to see if there is any input you'd like me to provide to the City Council. It is scheduled to go before them on November 13 and from there will need to go the Planning Commission. In order for your comments to be directly in the packet, I'd need them by the morning of this Friday, Nov. 8. I know that's a short turnaround, but I can also receive comments up until the day of the meeting and deliver it directly to councilmembers in hard copy format.

Amy Wolfson  
City Planner  
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<Plaque Applicaiton Atts.pdf>

**CITY OF NEVADA CITY**  
**ACTION MINUTES**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

NOTE: This meeting is available to view on the City's website [www.nevadacityca.gov](http://www.nevadacityca.gov) – Go to Quick Links and Click on Agendas & Minutes and find the Archived Videos in the middle of the screen. Select the meeting date and Click on Video to watch the meeting. For website assistance, please contact Loree' McCay, Deputy City Clerk at (530) 265-2496, ext 134.

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- Closed Session Meetings are not recorded.

**CLOSED SESSION – 6:10 PM**

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 the City Manager, Catrina Olson, City Attorney, Hal DeGraw and Consulting Attorney, P. Scott Browne are requesting a closed session conference to confer on litigation involving the City in the case of Friends of Spring Street vs. Nevada City, et al., Nevada County Superior Court Case No. CIV 1304393, Appellate Case No. C081195.

**Action:** Consulting Attorney, P. Scott Browne to proceed as directed.

**REGULAR MEETING – 6:45 PM - Call to Order**

**Roll Call:** Present: Mayor Senum, Vice Mayor Minett, Council Members Parker, Moberg and Strawser

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PROCLAMATIONS:** "Nevada County Food and Toy Run Day" – December 14th, 2019

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT (Per Government Code Section 54954.3)**

Please refer to the meeting video on the City's website at [www.nevadacityca.gov](http://www.nevadacityca.gov).

**2. COUNCIL MEMBERS REQUESTED ITEMS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- A. Subject:** Vice Mayor Minett requested that the majority of the Council direct inclusion of an item on the next agenda for consideration, discussion and possible action for removal or sanctioning of the current Mayor.

**Action:** Motion by Minett, seconded by Moberg to add an agenda item to the December 10, 2019 City Council Meeting to consider, discuss and possibly act on the removal or sanctioning of the current Mayor.

**(Approved 4 – 0, Abstention 1)**



### 3. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. **Subject:** Accounts Payable Activity Report – October 2019  
**Recommendation:** Receive and file.
- B. **Subject:** Fire Activity Report – September and October 2019  
**Recommendation:** Receive and file.
- C. **Subject:** Side Letter No. 2 to The Nevada County Professional Firefighters, Local 3800 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 – Rescinding and Replacing Multiple Sections and Adding a Defined Work Period and Repayment Terms  
**Recommendation:** Review and approve Side Letter No. 2 to The Nevada County Professional Firefighters, Local 3800 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 – rescinding and replacing Article 14 of the current MOU with ARTICLE 14A and ARTICLE 14B, Defining a 28-day FLSA work period cycle started on June 30, 2019, Replace ARTICLE 23 Defining Fire Engineer rank, and defining repayment terms.
- D. **Subject:** Authorization for Procurement of Nevada City Wastewater Plant Flow Control Valve  
**Recommendation:** Pass Resolution 2019-63, a Resolution of the City of Nevada City Council to authorize the procurement from Aqua Sierra Controls the Nevada City Wastewater plant flow control valve and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign purchase orders for the procurement in the amount of \$34,852.73 plus \$5,000.00 in contingencies.
- E. **Subject:** Mile Marker Plaque for Placement on Hirschman Trail  
**Recommendation:** Approve the requested plaque wording.

**Action:** Motion by Parker, seconded by Moberg to approve consent items 3A through 3E as presented.

**(Approved 5 – 0)**

### 4. APPROVAL OF ACTION MINUTES:

- A. **Subject:** City Council Meeting – November 6, 2019

**Action:** Motion by Strawser, seconded by Parker to approve the Special City Council meeting minutes of November 6, 2019 with the start time change from 6:30 PM to 6:00 PM.

**(Approved 5 – 0)**

### 5. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED ACTION ITEMS AND UPDATE REPORTS:

- A. **Subject:** 4th Quarter Financial Update, Fiscal Year (FY) 18/19 - UNAUDITED  
**Recommendation:** Receive and file.

**Action:** No action, receive and file.

- B. **Subject:** Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Energy Efficient Retrofit Project and On-Bill Financing Loan Agreement  
**Recommendation:** Review the Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) Energy Efficient Retrofit Project and On-Bill Financing Loan Agreement and authorize the City Manager to sign.

**Action:** Motion by Strawser, seconded by Parker to authorize the City Manager to sign the PG&E Energy Efficient Retrofit Project and On-Bill Finance Loan Agreement.

**(Approved 5 – 0)**

**C. Subject:** Plaque Honoring Ellen Clark Sargent at Calanan Park

**Recommendation:** Provide staff direction on an application by the Nevada County Historical Society to install a plaque honoring Ellen Sargent at Calanan Park.

**Action:** Motion by Strawser, seconded by Parker directing staff to proceed with processing the application by the Nevada County Historical Society to install a plaque honoring Ellen Sargent at Calanan Park and work with interested parties to identify a plaque location.

**(Approved 5 – 0)**

**D. Subject:** Award of Contract for Firms to Provide On-Call Planning Services

**Recommendation:** Pass Resolution 2019-64, a Resolution of the City of Nevada City awarding three professional service contracts for on-call Planning Services.

**Action:** Motion by Strawser, seconded by Moberg to pass Resolution 2019-64, a Resolution of the City of Nevada City awarding three professional service contracts for on-call Planning Services.

**(Approved 5 – 0)**

**E. Subject:** Acceptance of Gift Deed for Deer Creek Park II

**Recommendation:** Pass Resolution 2019-65, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nevada City authorizing the acceptance of a Gift Deed from Terra Alta Development Company.

**Action:** Motion by Moberg, seconded by Parker to pass Resolution 2019-65, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nevada City authorizing the acceptance of a Gift Deed from Terra Alta Development Company.

**(Approved 5 – 0)**

**F. Subject:** A Resolution Approving a Senate Bill 2 Grant Application

**Recommendation:** Pass Resolution 2019-66, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nevada City, State of California 1) authorizing an application for a receipt of SB2 Planning Grants program funds and 2) direct City staff to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

**Action:** Motion by Strawser, seconded by Parker to pass Resolution 2019-66, a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Nevada City, State of California 1) authorizing an application for a receipt of SB2 Planning Grants program funds and 2) direct City staff to submit an application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

**(Approved 5 – 0)**

**G. Subject:** Measure “S” Ballot Measure Extension

**Recommendation:** City Council to provide staff direction to work with the Measure “S” Committee on development of next steps in moving forward on preparing to place a Measure on the ballot for the November 2020 election to extend the existing Special Tax Measure “S”, due to sunset 2023.

**Action:** Staff direction to proceed working with the Measure “S” Committee on the development of a campaign to place a Measure on the ballot for November 2020 election to extend the existing Special Tax Measure “S”, due to sunset 2023.

## **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Subject:** Ordinance for the Regulation of Wireless Telecommunication Facilities in the City

**Recommendation:** Provide staff direction on any sections of the adopted Ordinance that Council wants to see clarified, expanded or amended.

**Action:** Prior to hearing subject 7A, Vice Mayor Minett requested that due to hearing comments on the Telecom Ordinance before at great length that comments during tonight's meeting be directed whether to spend extra time and money to consider amending the adopted Telecom Ordinance. Further moved, was that for effective use of time, a Motion was made by Minett, seconded by Parker to limit public comments on this agenda item to those not made before and to conclude all public comment at 9:15 PM.

**(Approved 4 – 0, Abstention 1)**

**Action:** Staff was directed to move forward with amending sections of the adopted Ordinance as suggested by Mayor Senum and the public with input from Consulting Attorney Baron Bettenhausen, Bob Ross and/or Rusty Monroe of CMS. Limiting further expenditure to 2 hours of meeting time, 2 hours of time for redrafting, 2 hours of CMS's time and Consulting Attorney travel time.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** The City Manager provided a written report that was attached to the agenda packet.

**12. ADJOURNMENT: - 9:47 PM**

**AYES: MINNETT, PARKER, SENUM, STRAWSER, MOBERG**

**NOES:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**ABSENT:**

**ATTEST:**

  
Reinette Senum, Mayor

  
Niel Locke, City Clerk