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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: December 15, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter

SUBJECT: Resolutions 1) amending Resolution 69-102 updating the mission, duties, and functions of the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission ("NCHLC") pertaining to the designation of the Historical Landmarks and Historical Resources, to promote and preserve their historical significance, and approving and ratifying the Restated Bylaws of the NCHLC; 2) designating the McGlashan Butterfly Collection, currently on loan from the McGlashan Family to the Truckee-Donner Historical Society and housed by the Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District located at 10981 Truckee Way, Truckee, CA 96161, as Nevada County Historical Resource NEV 20-05; and 3) designating the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery and Church Site, located at 18936 Saint Paul Place, Grass Valley CA 95945 (APN 028-191-057), as Nevada County Historical Landmark NEV 20-06

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached resolution.

FUNDING: N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Nevada County Historical landmarks Commission ("NCHLC") was first formed on April 29, 1969 with the intent as outlined in Resolution 69-102 to preserve "...historical landmarks by formation of a Commission which will have as its duty and function to designate the historical landmark and to take whatever steps are necessary to preserve them." Since its establishment, the Board has expanded its membership from 5 to 10 members, specified administrative processes to be developed and implemented for landmark designation and clarified its role per Resolution 71-293, Resolution 92-363, and Resolution 96-33. NCHLC has also updated its Bylaws over time including in 1992, 1995, and in 2000.

Since its inception, the Board of Supervisors have designated over sixty historical landmarks throughout Nevada County, as recommended by the NCHLC. The NCHLC has worked with the community to provide plaques on many of the County's historical landmarks and has worked diligently to promote its activities through its publication *Exploring Nevada County: An Illustrated Guide to Local Landmarks and Historic Sites*, launching and maintaining the Nevada County Interactive Map of Historical Landmarks where members of the public can view photographs and access detailed information including the location and description of each designation, holding ceremonial gatherings and remaining active on social media.

The NCHLC recognizes that while many of the County's historical landmarks have been designated, historical resources and individuals of historical significance hold important value to the history of Nevada County, and should be recognized. However, recognition of historical resource or individuals of historical significance are not Landmarks and therefore outside the scope and purpose of the NCHLC. Specifically, NCHLC has recommended two designations that fall outside its purview that include designating May Martin Goynes, an individual of historical significance, and designating the McGlashan Butterfly Collection, a historical resource.

Subsequently, staff has met multiple times with the NCHLC Chair and other members to discuss resolution on the issue. In recognizing the historic culture and its importance on Nevada County, as well as the many accomplishments of the NCHLC, staff recommends amended Resolution 69-102 to include the designation of historical resources within the NCHLC's scope and purpose and approving Restated Bylaws of NCHLC that both reflect such change and other procedure updates. Staff does not recommend incorporating the designation of individuals of historical significance at this time until adequate comparative research has been completed which is currently underway. As such, on December 3, 2020 the NCHLC held a Special Meeting and voted to approve its Restated Bylaws and recommended the Board amend Resolution 69-102 to incorporate the designation of historical resources to its scope and purpose, and to ratify its Restated Bylaws.

Furthermore, there are two (2) designation requests before the Board that include the McGlashan Butterfly Collection and the Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery and Church Site – one a historical resource, and the other a historical landmark, respectively. Below is a summary of each designation recommendation.

McGlashan Butterfly Collection:

On July 17, 2020 the NCHLC voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for designation of the McGlashan Butterfly Collection be approved. The collection, which contains butterfly, moth, and beetle specimens from around the world, was begun in 1872 by Truckee pioneer Charles McGlashan and continued by his daughters Ximena and Leonora. The Collection is currently on loan to the Truckee-Donner Historical Society by the McGlashan Family and is housed by the Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District (TDRPD) at 10981 Truckee Way, Truckee, CA 96161.

The Collection is without doubt impressive, renowned and holds great historic importance to the Truckee community and area, scientific community, and local history. In-depth discussion is included within the application provided as a supporting document. The Collection is a historical resource and can only be designated should the Board amend Resolution 69-102 as outlined above.

Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery and Church Site:

On October 16, 2020, the NCHLC voted unanimously to recommend to the Board that the application for landmark designation of the Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery and Church Site, located at 18936 St. Paul Place, Grass Valley, CA 95945 (APN 028-191-057). The NCHLC notes that St. Paul German Lutheran community was instrumental in founding and developing Chicago Park, with the Saint Paul Lutheran Church being erected in 1904 until it burned down in 1971. The Saint Paul Lutheran Cemetery, which remains in use, contains the graves of many original pioneer families from Chicago Park. In-depth discussion is included within the application provided as a

supporting document. The Collection is a historical landmark and requires no change in the NCHLC's scope or purpose for approval.

Therefore, staff recommends the following actions:

1. Adopt Resolution amending Resolution 69-102 updating the mission, duties, and functions of the Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission (NCHLC) pertaining to the designation of the Historical Landmarks and Historical Resources, to promote and preserve their historical significance, and approving and ratifying the Restated Bylaws of the NCHLC.
2. Adopt Resolution designating the McGlashan Butterfly Collection, currently on loan from the McGlashan Family to the Truckee-Donner Historical Society and housed by the Truckee-Donner Recreation & Park District located at 10981 Truckee Way, Truckee, CA 96161, as Nevada County Historical Resource NEV 20-05.
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Item Initiated by Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Management Analyst

Item Approved by Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board

Submittal Date: December 3, 2020