



**NOTICE AND AGENDA
SPECIAL MEETING
IDAHO SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A REMOTE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Executive session under C.R.S. section 24-6-402(4)(b) and (e) to receive legal advice and discuss matters that may be subject to negotiations concerning the possible lease, conveyance, disposition and acquisition of real property.

ADJOURNMENT



**NOTICE AND AGENDA OF A
WORK SESSION
Idaho Springs City Council
April 5, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

- ❖ **Downtown Marketplace**
- ❖ **WW II Memorial & Library Landscape Plans**
- ❖ **Vacation of CDOT Right of Way on East Idaho Springs Road**
- ❖ **Business Improvement Grant Update**

The Public will be able to view and hear this meeting remotely at the following address:
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/idahosprings/city-council-live>

Miner Street Market

Quick Facts

- ON May 13th, the jersey barriers will be removed, and Miner street will close to through traffic, from 14th to 17th. City sponsored barriers will be placed on 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th a total of 6 road closure barriers.
- Each restaurant or retailer may activate the space in front of their business.
- Activating the Market will increase visitors safely to the city. Allow for socially distanced activities and summer events.
- Make improvements to the successful Miner Street closure of 2020, with the goal of creating a revenue generating attraction for the city.
- Consistent Branding: Logo, marketing plan, market calendar
 - Logo & branding to be finalized upon approval of the plan.
 - Theme: Classic Miner town, with similar looking barriers for restaurants, all tied together with Classic Miner Lamp lights. Or all the same barriers with the city providing minimum specs for the design and consistency. The City could consider buying all the materials for the barriers to gain a bulk discount.
- Activating spaces on Miner not used by business.
 - Sponsored Activities:
 - Tommy Knockers is going to have lawn games across from them.
 - Beau Jo's will sponsor a "Instagram-able" great picture opportunity display highlighting city history.
 - The Chamber would like to activate some spaces for vendors or chambered sponsored activities.
 - Businesses can sponsor an activity such as sidewalk chalk, bubbles, crayons, dog treats, dog water station, kid friendly games.
 - Areas not sponsored will be activated with city relevant displays and extra seating. Miner Carts, railroad tie benches, displays from city storage.

Action Items for City Council

1. Approval of the plan for the Miner Street Market
2. Form a Miner St. Market committee
3. Approval of the below suggestions for the Market
 - a. Taste of Idaho Springs Event
 - b. Extended services areas within the Market
 - i. Example Tommy Knockers lawn games sponsored area.
 - c. Closing 16th on Saturday

March 31, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Historic Sites and Facilities Committee
Re: Library Landscape Design

The Committee met on March 27 to consider the proposed landscape design for the library. The design of the World War II Memorial was discussed separately and will be addressed separately. The recommendations listed here do not consider the Memorial.

We reviewed the drawings and, after discussion, offer the following:

- All benches on the property should match. The design notes indicate the contractor would have two options for the additional bench(es). Only one of the listed options appears to match the existing benches which are to be refurbished and retained.
- Library staff has stated the wood platform and its rear fence shown in the drawings will not be constructed but the storage shed behind the platform may or may not be constructed. We recommend the storage shed also be deleted.
- The plans drawn in July, 2016 show a new concrete pad to be poured and topped with brick pavers to hold the cannon. However, the overall design drawn in May, 2016 shows the cannon sitting on the existing concrete slab. We recommend using the existing concrete pad under the cannon, patched then topped with pavers. As the plans also call for lowering the ground to the original grade, level with the perimeter sidewalks, this will allow the edges of the existing slab to be visible. We believe this is of value because there is writing carved around the edge, believed to relate to the time when the cannon was originally presented and dedicated.

Note: This presumes the carvings are not so poorly deteriorated that the words are no longer legible. If the existing slab edges are deteriorated beyond restoration or there are valid reasons the existing slab is inadequate, research should be conducted to learn what the original message was and it should be re-created, perhaps somehow on the stone wall around the cannon. Every reasonable effort should be made to preserve the historic writing.

While the plans do not address the type of grass or groundcover to be used in the open spaces, we understand the use of artificial turf has been suggested. Given the advancements made in recent years for such products, we do not object to its installation and do not believe it would detract from the historic character of the property.

Overall, the Committee found the proposed landscape design to be a good design. It will be an appropriate final touch to the historic library property.

March 31, 2021

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Historic Sites and Facilities Committee
Re: World War II Memorial

At its March 27 meeting, the Committee discussed in detail the memorial and its eventual design. Previously, the Committee had recommended restoration/reconstruction of the existing memorial. At that time, however, the Committee was not aware of the complete redesign shown in the Landscape Design Plan.

The Committee supports placing the memorial at the revised location as shown on the design plan, regardless of the memorial's design.

With only four of our five members present, the Committee was evenly split about the memorial.

Two members are in favor of going with the new design as shown in the landscape plans and two are in favor of reconstructing the old one.

The new design would definitely be attractive as well as shorter, which would reduce obstruction of the view to the library building. We all agreed on this. We also agreed that the most important thing is to honor the memory of those currently listed on the memorial.

Comments in favor of the new design:

- The existing memorial was constructed at a time when things were done as they could be afforded. We can do better now.
- Construction of the memorial may well have been a relatively quick project, while post-war feelings were still intense. The originators may not have expected it to last as long as it has.
- The new design will fit in better with the new landscape and all its components.

Comments in favor of reconstructing the existing monument:

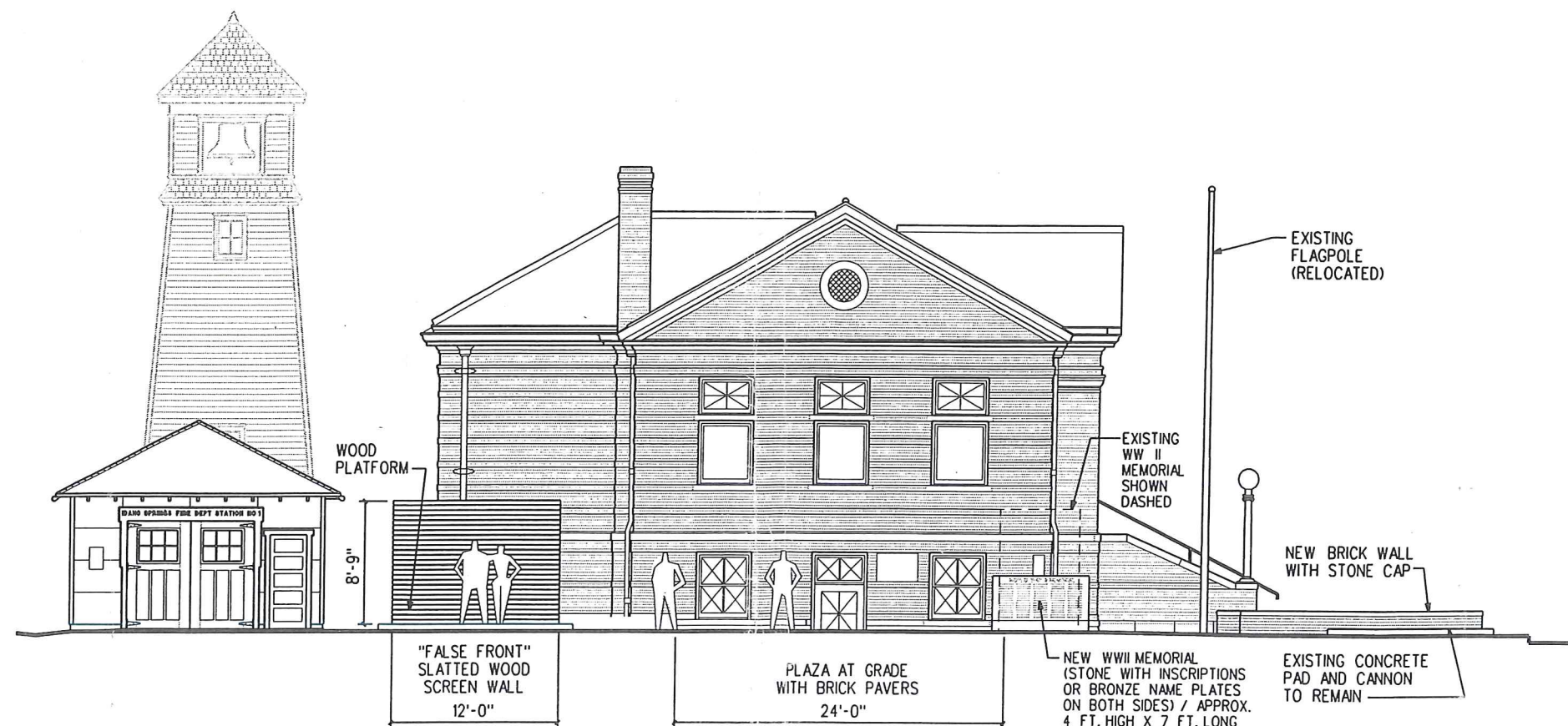
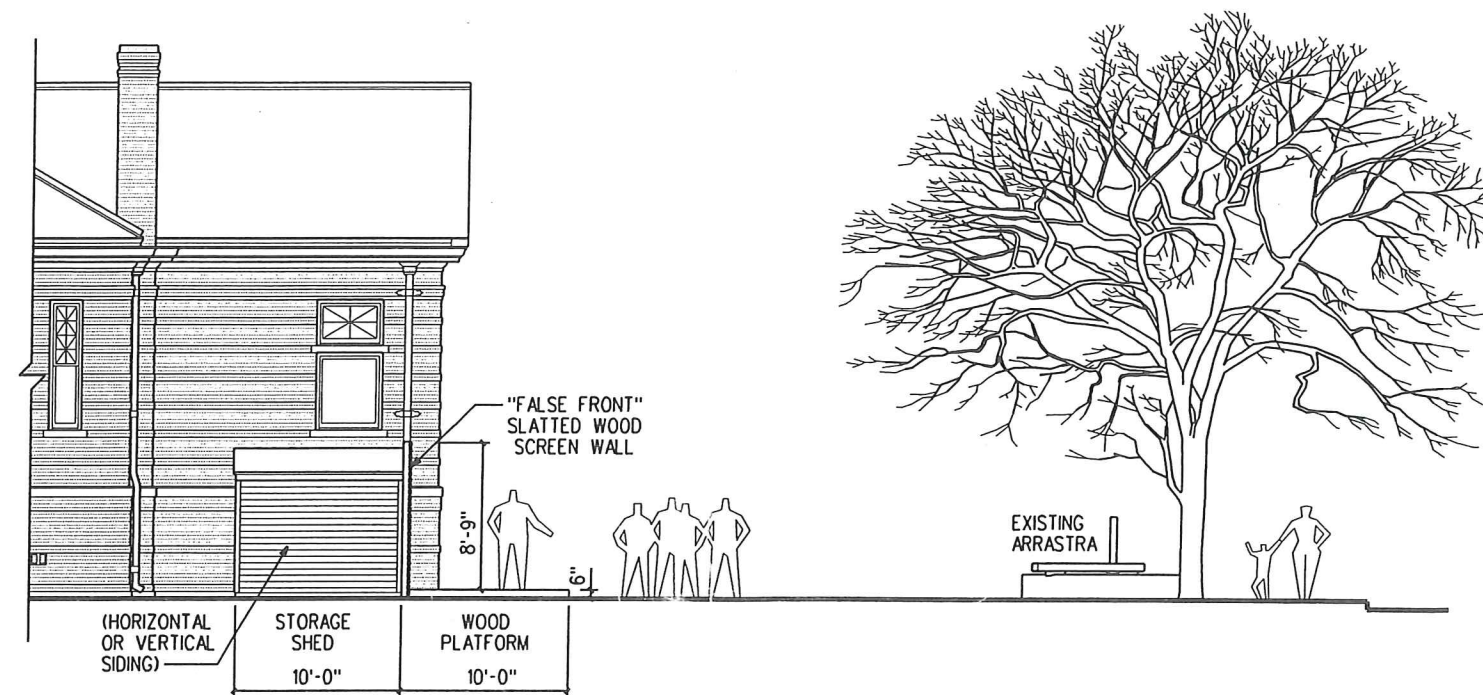
- The monument has been on the property long enough (over 70 years) to have historic value; therefore, it should be restored.
- A big part of Idaho Springs' charm is its uniqueness. The memorial is unique in its design and speaks to the community's concern, at the time, to recognize those who lost their lives in World War II. The new design is not unique.
- There are still people in town who have an emotional attachment to the memorial and would like it to remain the style it is. While this should not be a primary factor in the decision, it is worth consideration.
- The reconstructed wooden frame need not be exactly like the old one. That is, the frame could have an even simpler design without any extra trim. In addition, it need not be painted the stark white it currently is, but could be painted in a color to match the stonework that is planned.

- Repainting the names and the addition of LED lighting will make it easier to read the names. The new design calls for the names to be on bronze plaques. In order to keep those plaques legible, extra maintenance or cleaning may be required.

If the current memorial is reconstructed, the Committee stresses the importance of regular repainting and any other maintenance that may be required. Whether the City takes that responsibility or the Library does, it cannot be ignored.

At our work session with HPRC, the idea of moving the memorial to another location, possibly on the grounds at City Hall, was brought up. None of us thought that was a particularly good idea.

In the end all four of us said, while we have our personal preferences, we would not object to either option. Again, honoring those who died is the most important thing.



Idaho Springs Public Library
Library Park Schematic Elevations

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Hoehn Architects PC
May 10, 2016



City of Idaho Springs

City Council Communication



Meeting Date: April 5, 2021

Presented By: Jonathan Cain, Assistant City Administrator

Item: Freeport McMoRan Façade Improvement Grant Update

BACKGROUND

In 2019, the City received a \$40,000 grant from Freeport McMoRan, operators of the Henderson Mine near Empire, to continue our Façade Improvement mini grant program for local businesses in the City. This program was designed to encourage building improvements that would foster economic development throughout the City's commercial areas. Any business in the City that generates sales tax was eligible for a funding match from the City up to \$2,500.

The City additionally had \$5,925 remaining from our 2018 Façade Improvement program, bringing the total amount available to businesses to \$45,925. In total, 27 businesses applied to the program. Of those businesses, 20 were deemed eligible and were awarded funds through the program.

Completed Projects

Business	Grant Award	Total New Investment
Dancing Dog	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
1600 Miner Street	\$2,500.00	\$9,500.00
Annie's Gold	\$1,389.65	\$2,779.31
AOK	\$2,500.00	\$5,450.00
Bee's Knees	\$2,500.00	\$5,183.10
Pickaxe Pizza	\$2,500.00	\$21,193.01
Historical Society	\$2,500.00	\$6,177.10
Majestic Gallery	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
Margie's Place	\$1,525.00	\$3,050.00
Opera House	\$2,000.00	\$4,500.00
Project Support	\$2,500.00	\$6,951.48
The Frothy Cup	\$1,964.40	\$3,928.81
Vintage Moose	\$2,500.00	\$6,000.00
Xtreme Footwork's	\$2,500.00	\$5,183.10
1527 Miner Street	\$2,250.00	\$4,500.00
Edelweiss	\$3,811.60	\$1,905.80
Total	\$36,190.65	\$92,801.71

Outstanding Projects

Canyon Outpost (Sign Project)	\$500
Spice and Tea Exchange (Façade Improvement)	\$2,500
1502 Miner Street (Historic Façade Renovation)	\$2,500
Tommyknockers (Paint Project)	\$2,500
Total	\$8,000

These projects were granted extensions of their grant eligibility twice; once in August of 2019 and again in November of 2019. The City must now complete reporting to the Freeport McMoRan Foundation about the use of these grant funds, and as such *City Staff recommends* that we end the eligibility for reimbursement of all outstanding projects.

Remaining Funds

If the \$8,000 in grant funding for these four projects is deobligated, *City Staff recommends* that City Council open a new application period for the program to all eligible applicants in the City, using the same criteria utilized in 2019.