

6/8/2020

Edcgovus Mail - WPA post office Historical Society

Public Comment #56



BOS RCVD 6/8/20
BOS Date 6/9/20

EDC COB <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

WPA post office Historical Society

1 message

jbirdfoot@internet49.com <jbirdfoot@internet49.com>

Mon, Jun 8, 2020 at 8:35 AM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Please see attached letter concerning the 6/9/2020 Agenda item #56

thanks

Jill Kearney

President EDC Historical Society



WPA Post Office and Telephone Annex Letter.pdf

632K

EL DORADO COUNTY
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY



Fountain & Tallman Museum
524 Main Street
Placerville, CA 95667
(530) 626-0773
www.eldoradocountyhistoricalsociety.org
eldoradocountyhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Board of Supervisors of El Dorado County (**BOS 6/9/2020 Agenda, Item #56. Closed Session**),

The El Dorado County Historical Society (1938), 501 c3 non-profit, has had the privilege of rescuing, preserving, researching and displaying some of the county's rich history for future generations to appreciate for over 80 years. Our museum, the Fountain and Tallman Soda Works building (1852), has been an example of this preservation and stands as not only a vehicle to showcase other relics from Placerville's past, but also as a piece of living history. It is an example of the culmination of efforts from the partnership of both the community and the Society.

Our historical building preservation committee and board members have been watching the progression of ideas and plans concerning the fate of the 1940 Works Project Administration (WPA) Post Office building, 515 Main Street, Placerville and the Historic Telephone Annex, 525 Main Street. With the most recent plans to dispose of this property from county ownership, our Society is concerned that the history and era it represents of our county, both architecturally inside as well as outside, is at risk of being obliterated. Most specifically, we are concerned about the Treasury Department Section or TRAP Programs Mural in the Post Office ("**Forest Genetics**" – **oil on canvas by Tom E. Lewis (1941) (See Attached)**). Note: Our Fountain & Tallman Museum is immediately across the street from these two iconic buildings.

The El Dorado County Historical Society is interested in partnership options with El Dorado County, as well as others including the El Dorado County Rock and Gem Society, to preserve and restore these special buildings. Ideally, these buildings could serve the community once again, by both helping to interpret history and educate visitors and residents to the incredible geology that thrust California into statehood in 1850 and by being preserved for generations to come.

Our Building Preservation Committee representative; Sue Taylor, has been asked to present this letter at your meeting in hopes that as a group, you will be able to envision more options available for this unique structure.

We look forward to working with you,
Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jill G. Kearney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jill G. Kearney
President El Dorado County Historical Society

