**RTC Fourth Street-Prater Way History Project Photos**

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Chronicler portraits taken by photographer Patrick Cummings

*Note: Not every participant in the oral history project had a photograph taken by Patrick Cummings.*

Aiazzi\_PC-1

Aiazzi\_PC-2

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

Born in Reno and raised in Sparks, David Aiazzi ran his own computing business for many years. He served as a Reno City Councilman for Ward 5 from 1996-2012, when issues of concern along 4th Street included locating services for the homeless there and planning general street improvements. He was instrumental in bringing art projects to 4th Street. Pictured in front of the Morris Burner Hostel at 400 E. 4th Street.

Ainsworth\_PC-1

Ainsworth\_PC-2

Ainsworth\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2012

A native of Los Angeles, Cindy Ainsworth moved to Reno with her husband in 1978 and worked in publishing and at the National Automobile Museum, where she could indulge her passion for transportation history. In 1997, she helped to found the Historic Reno Preservation Society (HRPS), and regularly leads a historical walking tour of East 4th Street. She is also a member of the Lincoln Highway Association’s Nevada chapter. Pictured in front of the NCO Depot at 325 E. 4th Street.

Akert\_PC-1

Akert\_PC-2

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

William Bennet (Ben) Akert moved to Reno from the eastern Nevada company town of Ruth in 1945. His parents, Bluma and Bill, purchased Grant Anderson’s market at the corner of East 4th Street and Alameda (later Wells Avenue) and opened Akert’s Market, where Ben worked as a teenager. The shop closed in 1963 and the building was torn down. In 1966, Ben founded the local chain Ben’s Discount Liquors. He died in 2015. Pictured at the former site of Akert’s Market at 803 E. 4th Street.

Avansino\_PC-1

Avansino\_PC-2

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2014

Norman Avansino was born in Reno in 1917 and raised in Virginia City. He worked at the power company and the Farm Bureau in Reno in the 1930s, and for Senator Pat McCarran in his Washington, D.C. office. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he worked briefly for the Veterans Administration and in 1948 began working in the front office at Eveleth Lumber, on East 4th Street. He left the company in 1980. Pictured at his home in Reno.

Belaustegui\_PC-1

Belaustegui\_PC-2

Belaustegui\_PC-3

Belaustegui\_PC-4

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2012

Dick Belaustegui grew up in a diverse neighborhood on Eureka Street, just north of East 4th Street, in the 1940s and 1950s. His father, Bonifacio “Bunny” Belaustegui, an ironworker, worked for Martin Iron Works, Macauley Iron Works, and Reno Iron Works. Dick worked at Pinky’s Market on East 4th Street as a young man. An electrical engineer, he worked for IBM and later, the University of Nevada, Reno. Pictured in front of the former site of Pinky’s Market at 535 E. 4th Street.

Canepa\_PC-1

Canepa\_PC-2

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

Born and raised in Ely, Nevada, Gaye Canepa moved to Reno after completing high school. At the time of her interview, she operated Fred’s Auto Repair and Supply at 500 East Sixth Street with her husband, Fred Canepa, who died unexpectedly in 2012. She was the longtime president of the Reno-Sparks Business Corridor Association (RSCBA), spearheading community efforts to promote redevelopment and resist efforts by the City of Reno to locate a new homeless shelter along East 4th Street. Pictured at Fred’s Auto Repair and Supply at 500 E. 6th Street.

Cividino\_PC-1

Cividino\_PC-2

Cividino\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2012

Born in Italy, Paolo Cividino grew up in California, and moved to Reno in 1989. He is founder and owner of Tutto Ferro, a custom steel fabrication business located at 616 East 4th Street. In establishing his operation along the 4th Street corridor, he joined a community of long established iron workers, steel fabricators, and machine operators practicing in the area. Pictured at Tutto Ferro at 616 E. 4th Street.

Clark\_PC-1

Clark\_PC-2

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

Born in North Carolina, Casey Clark grew up in Pleasant Valley, north of Reno, and then northern California. He moved back to Reno in 1996, later spending time in Montana and Arizona. A ceramics artist, he has a studio space at Cuddleworks, located at 545 East Fourth Street, where he also works as a bicycle courier for Bootleg Courier, and as a bicycle mechanic and service manager for the Reno Bike Project next door. Pictured inside Cuddleworks at 545 E. 4th Street.

Conder\_PC-1

Conder\_PC-2

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

Born in Salt Lake City, Tim Conder grew up in California and worked for many years as a carpenter and cement mason. In 2008, he became a co-owner of Bootleg Courier, located at 545 East 4th Street, in a space known as Cuddleworks. The building also houses studio space for artists and a coffee roasting operation. Pictured outside the building at 545 E. 4th Street.

Durham\_PC-1

Durham\_PC-2

Durham\_PC-3

Durham\_PC-4

Durham\_PC-5

Durham\_PC-6

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2012

A native of Reno, Will Durham is a collector of vintage neon signs from throughout Nevada and other parts of the United States. After graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno, he worked in film and commercial production in Los Angeles, and moved back to Reno in 2005. An exhibit of selected neon signs from his collection appeared at the Nevada Museum of Art from October 2012 through February 2013. Pictured at his exhibit at the Nevada Museum of Art.

Ede\_PC-1

Ede\_PC-2

Ede\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

Les Ede’s great-great-grandfather moved to Nevada in 1872. Born in 1942, Les grew up on Sullivan Lane, near what was then the western edge of Sparks, and shares memories of his childhood neighborhood near Prater Way. He joined the U.S. Navy after graduating from Sparks High School, and then became a firefighter in Sparks, retiring in 1994. Pictured at Deer Park in Sparks.

Feroah\_PC-1

Feroah\_PC-2

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

John Feroah grew up in Reno, where his father worked for the Reno Police Department. After high school, John joined the Air Guard and worked briefly for the City of Reno. In 1969, he joined the Reno Police Department, part-time, while working security for the Cal-Neva. In 1971, he began to work for the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, retiring in 2003. He has since worked for the Reno Police Department Reserve and the University of Nevada Police Department. Pictured on the University of Nevada, Reno campus.

Flint\_PC-1

Flint\_PC-2

Flint\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

An ordained minister, George Flint grew up in southern California and moved to Reno after completing divinity school. In 1961, he founded the Chapel of the Bells at 540 West 4th Street, and four years later, moved the business into a converted home at 700 West 4th Street. He discusses Reno’s wedding chapel industry and the changes he has witnessed through more than fifty years in the business. Pictured at Chapel of the Bells at 540 W. 4th Street.

Gray\_PC-1

Gray\_PC-2

Gray\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

A native of Idaho, Paul Gray moved to Nevada as child for his father’s teaching job. After graduating from Carson High School and the University of Nevada, Reno, Paul began his own teaching career at Reed High School, where he taught math, coached basketball, and eventually became Dean of Students. In 2011, he became Dean of Students at the Dilworth STEM Academy. Pictured at the Dilworth STEM Academy.

Harrington\_PC-1

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

Ann Harrington and Bob Nielsen partner in developing affordable housing projects throughout the Reno-Sparks area. In 2002, they completed a project with Cloyd Phillips of the Community Services Agency Development Corporation, consisting of commercial space along East 4th Street with apartments above and additional apartments extending to the north. Pictured at the affordable housing project she helped to design on E. 4th Street.

Hobson\_PC-1

Hobson\_PC-2

Hobson\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2011

Spencer Hobson was born in Reno, where his grandfather, Antonio Bevilacqua, emigrated from Italy. His family members owned several casino properties, including Virginia City’s Frontier Club and Reno’s Overland and Riverside Hotels. Spencer owns the Reno Brewing Company bottling plant building at 900 East 4th Street, which his father purchased in 1956 after the brewery closed. He also discusses Reno’s Italian community and the urban renewal project that targeted homes north of East 4th Street in the 1960s. Pictured at the historic Reno Brewing Company Bottling Plant building at 900 E. 4th Street.

Iveson\_PC-1

Iveson\_PC-2

Iveson\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2014

Born and raised in Reno, Tim Iveson spent thirty years as a firefighter—five years with the City of Sparks and 25 years with the City of Reno. After retiring, he continued to help firefighters through the Reno Firefighters Local 731. He discusses his experiences responding to emergencies along Fourth Street and Prater Way, and the impact of city development on local firefighting operations. Pictured outside Louis’ Basque Corner at 301 E. 4th Street.

Jourdan\_PC-1

Jourdan\_PC-2

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

Rémi Jourdan was born in Paris, moved to the Alps as a teenager, and attended culinary school in France. Inspired by an earlier visit to Los Angeles, he moved to the United States in 1997. After a successful career in computing and other entrepreneurial ventures, he moved to Reno in 2007 and ran Club Underground and the Tree House Lounge at 555 East 4th Street. He also discusses his work with E4, an association of Fourth Street business owners. Pictured at the Club Underground at 555 E. 4th Street.

Kozar, PC-1

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2011

Joseph “Kyle” Kozar graduated from the University of Nevada, Reno in 2006, the same year he co-founded the Reno Bike Project with Noah Silverman. The non-profit community bicycle shop and advocacy group was located at 541 East 4th Street until 2017. Kozar left Reno in 2011 to attend graduate school in city planning at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York. Pictured inside the Reno Bike Project at 541 East 4th Street.

Lee\_PC-1

Lee\_PC-2

Lee\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2011

Krista Lee earned a Master’s in Social Work (MSW) from the University of Kansas before moving to Reno to become the city’s first Homeless Coordinator, Housing Resource Specialist. She describes her work for the City of Reno as well as the layout and operations of the Community Assistance Center, which was constructed on Record Street, just south of East Fourth Street, in 2007. Pictured at the Community Assistance Center at 335 Record Street.

Lockett, PC-1

Lockett\_PC-2

Lockett\_PC-3

Lockett\_PC-4

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2012

Born in Reno in 1960, Cari Lockett became a regional contact for Burning Man in 2007. She talks about the range of Burning Man-related activities that occur in Reno throughout the year, including Decompression, traditionally held on East 4th Street each October. Lockett shares her thoughts about Reno’s status as a gateway to the playa and the city’s potential to become a year-round destination for those interested in Burning Man and its ten principles. Pictured on East 4th Street.

Loux\_PC-1

Loux\_PC-2

Loux\_PC-3

Loux\_PC-4

Loux\_PC-5

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2012

A Reno native, Sally Loux has worked for twenty years at the Coney Island Bar, located at the Reno-Sparks border where 4th Street becomes Prater Way. She describes the longstanding establishment’s welcoming environment and some of its regular customers, and explains what has made it such a popular gathering place for the entire community for so many decades. Pictured inside the Coney Island Bar at 2644 Prater Way.

Marston\_PC-1 (2013)

Marston\_PC-2 (2013)

Marston\_PC-3 (2014)

Photographer: Patrick Cummings

In 1958, Marilyn Marston moved from the Bay Area to Reno, where she met her future husband, photographer and artist Art Marston. He founded Art Marston Printing, renting office space until 1974, when the Marstons purchased the old Zellerbach Paper Company building at 420 Valley Road. After Art’s passing in 1986, Marilyn sold the business to Valley Print and Mail, where she worked for ten years. Since 2001, she has rented the building to a series of tenants. She also speaks of her involvement with the Reno-Sparks Business Corridor Association. Pictured at her building at 420 Valley Rd.

Mayer\_PC-1

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2014

John Mayer’s great-grandparents on his mother’s side arrived in Sparks in the 1890s, while his father’s parents moved there with the relocation of the Southern Pacific railroad shops from Wadsworth. Mayer vividly describes growing up in Sparks in the 1940s and 1950s. He taught for the Washoe County School District, and served for seventeen years on the Sparks City Council and the Board of the Regional Transportation Commission, which named the new RTC Centennial Plaza after him in 2009. Pictured at the corner of Prater Way and 15th Street in Sparks.

Moffit\_PC-1

Moffit\_PC-2

Moffit\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2012

Lilli Moffit was born in Germany and raised in Iowa. In the 1990s, she and her husband, Bill, moved to Reno, where he worked for Sierra Pacific (now Nevada Energy). In 1998, the Moffits bought and renovated a former Chinese restaurant at 1229 East 4th Street and opened Reno Rails, a model train store. Lilli continued to operate the business after her husband passed away in 2010. Pictured inside Reno Rails at 1229 East 4th Street.

Nielsen & Harrington\_PC-1

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2013

Ann Harrington and Bob Nielsen partner in developing affordable housing projects throughout the Reno-Sparks area. In 2002, they completed a project with Cloyd Phillips of the Community Services Agency Development Corporation, consisting of commercial space along East 4th Street with apartments above and additional apartments extending to the north. Pictured outside the housing project they designed on East 4th Street.

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Quilici\_PC-1

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2014

Doug Quilici is owner of the Copenhagen Bar at 2140 Prater Way in Sparks. The bar was previously located several blocks to the west, and run by Doug’s father, Gino “Bear” Quilici. That location was demolished in 1966 to make way for Interstate 80. Doug became his father’s business partner even before Bear passed away in 1997. Longtime customer and bartender Ray Maldonado also chimes in with his memories of Bear and the popular bar. Pictured inside the Copenhagen Bar at 2140 Prater Way.

Scalzo, Ed\_PC-1

Scalzo, Sue\_PC-1

Scalzo, Ed and Sue\_PC-1

Scalzo, Ed and Sue\_PC-2

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2012

Ed Scalzo and his wife, Susan, own Forever Yours Fine Furniture, located in the historic Flanigan Warehouse building at 701 East Fourth Street. They started the business in 1976 in Kings Beach, Lake Tahoe, moving to an old Ford dealership building on Virginia and Fourth Streets in Reno in 1980. Around 1982 they began to lease the historic IXL Laundry building at 601 East Fourth Street, operating there until 1998, when they purchased the Flanigan building. Pictured inside Forever Yours Fine Furniture at 701 E. 4th Street.

Silverman & Kozar\_PC-1

Silverman & Kozar\_PC-2

Silverman & Kozar\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2011

Reno native Noah Silverman is the Executive Director of the Reno Bike Project, which he co-founded with Kyle Kozar in 2006. The non-profit community bicycle shop and advocacy group was located at 541 East Fourth Street until 2017. Silverman drew inspiration from volunteering at a community bike shop called The Hub in Bellingham, Washington, where he earned a degree in Industrial Technology from Western Washington University in 2005.

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Sullivan\_PC-1

Sullivan\_PC-2

Sullivan\_PC-3

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2012

Sandi Sullivan bought Windy Moon Quilts, then located in Tahoe City, in the 1980s, and moved the business to Reno—first to Kuenzli Street and then to a former bank building at 440 Spokane Street. She and her husband, Mike, were involved in the creation of the Reno-Sparks Business Corridor Association (RSCBA). Sullivan, whose family has lived in the Reno-Sparks area for several generations, also speaks about growing up in the community and the urban renewal project that targeted the neighborhood north of East 4th Street in the 1960s. Pictured inside Windy Moon Quilts at 440 Spokane Street.

Trevino\_PC-1

Photographer: Patrick Cummings, 2015

Ray Trevino directs St. Vincent’s Dining Room at 325 Valley Road in Reno. A native of Texas, he moved to Nevada after graduating from high school, then attended UNLV and served in the U.S. Army. Trevino began working at St. Vincent’s in the 1990s. He discusses the organization’s free lunch program and describes the move from the dining room’s previous location on Third Street to its new facility on Valley Road, near the City of Reno’s new Community Assistance Center. Pictured inside the Community Assistance Center at 335 Record Street.