

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 17, 2014

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, January 17, 2014 at City Hall. Chairman Russ Larsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Larsen, Alan Bedford, Avrum Baum, and Bruce Dietz. MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Harmon and Terry Cripps. One vacancy exists. STAFF PRESENT: Planning Director Jim Lapinski. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of December 20, 2013 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Russ Larsen noted a correction on Pg. 2, second paragraph, line 8, change the following sentence to read “Tony stated he did all the research on the building using...” Alan Bedford moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Bruce Dietz seconded. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. “Appreciation” award.

Based on previous discussion, a sample “Certificate of Appreciation” for Melinda Lee had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting (attached hereto and made a part of these minutes). In the discussion which followed some changes were suggested and it was decided to award the certificate “to Melinda Lee, City of Colville Building & Planning Department, in recognition of valuable contributions to the Colville Historic Preservation Commission.” It was requested that the certificate be framed for presentation. Alan felt that a separate certificate from the Planning Commission would be appropriate as well and it was decided that the matter could be brought up at its next meeting.

B. Meetings.

Alan expressed a concern regarding the potential cancellation of future meetings since the Assistant Planner’s position was eliminated. He indicated that he would like to see Commissions/Boards maintain some degree of regularity when it comes to having meetings. He suggested there should be a rule of thumb such as “don’t cancel more than one meeting in a row for a lack of business.” Alan felt that regular meetings help promote interest and maintain membership. He commented a lot of the time members and staff engage in general discussion, which provides an opportunity to learn and plan ahead. Bruce Dietz felt that consistent HPC meetings at least once a month is not too much for him to travel back and forth to Spokane. He agreed that regular meetings provide an opportunity for members and citizens to remain aware of what is going on and offers brainstorming opportunities as well. Russ advised that the November meeting was cancelled due to a schedule conflict. Avrum Baum felt a monthly meeting is very appropriate. Jim stated he was in agreement with all of the comments and indicated that it is HPC’s decision when to meet. In conclusion, the members were supportive of having one monthly meeting.

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NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business to be presented.

REPORTS:

- Military Fort Colville Road update and The Heritage Network (THN) invitation. Jim Lapinski referenced an update on the Military Fort Colville Road and an invitation to a meeting on Jan. 18th from THN, which was distributed to each member prior to the meeting (copy on file). Jim advised he would attend the meeting at the museum since HPC is a party of interest. In regards to Military Fort Colville, Jim brought up the idea of partnerships as a way to get the funds to replicate the fort as a destination point. Russ Larsen provided background information about past discussions to move the fairgrounds out to the Goering property next to the Fort Colville site and develop it with a fort theme, however it never materialized. He asked if anyone is currently pursuing replication of the fort and questioned whether HPC members felt something should be done to promote the project. It was decided to continue this discussion to the next regular HPC meeting.
- Old powder house. Alan Bedford mentioned the old powder house on Highway 20 and wondered if it could be preserved or used for historical purposes. Russ pointed out it is outside the city limits and not under the jurisdiction of the HPC. Brief discussion followed and Jim suggested that the HPC, in an advisory capacity, could suggest to Stevens County that consideration be given to preserving the old powder house. He felt there could be an opportunity for the City and County to form a partnership for the project even though it is beyond our jurisdictional boundary. Russ stated it might even be appropriate to bring the subject up to The Heritage Network.
- THN historic (kiosk) display. Russ asked if anyone had gone to a Chamber of Commerce meeting to talk to the Board of Directors about allowing the historic kiosk to be displayed permanently at the Chamber office. It was noted that there has been no progress to date. Jim suggested Police Chief Bob Meshishnek as a possible resource for some photos of the kiosk if anyone wants to pursue this.
- Washington History class. In the past at the request of the HPC, Russ indicated he spoke with Principal Paul Dumas about HPC members sitting in on a Washington History class at the Junior High. Mr. Dumas said it was okay - just be sure to let them know two days ahead of time that you want to come. Russ asked if anyone has had an opportunity to do that and it was noted that no HPC members have attended a class.
- Stevens County Historical Society (SCHS) meetings. Russ advised if any HPC members ever want to attend a SCHS meeting, they are held at the museum, on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 1 PM.
- Logging rodeo. Avrum Baum asked about the status of the idea for a logging rodeo. No new information was available due to the absence of Tony Harmon, who introduced the idea at previous meetings. Jim distributed an example of chainsaw carving done in another area of the state.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Alan Bedford moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bruce Dietz seconded and the meeting was adjourned.