

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 21, 2011

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, January 21, 2011, at City Hall. Chairman Russ Larsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Larsen, Bruce Dietz, Trudy Lundy. Janet Thomas arrived after roll call. MEMBERS ABSENT: Alan Bedford. Two vacancies exist. STAFF PRESENT: Director of Building & Planning Jim Lapinski and Assistant Planner Melinda Lee. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of December 17, 2010 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Trudy Lundy moved and Bruce Dietz seconded to approve the minutes as written. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Janet Thomas requested a status report on the historic plaque for Colville Woodworking, which would apply to the site as well as the building. Melinda indicated that Colville Sign Company will present a design for review and approval prior to ordering the plaque.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2011 Rendezvous Booth.

Chamber needs plans for event their publication by June 1st deadline for advertising – tours dates/times.

Discussion: Shared a booth with Genealogy Society and it was last-minute and wasn't coordinated very well. Jim & Trudy felt HPC should just go ahead and plan its event then coordinate with them. Get better location for booth. Janet – need something a little more “catchy” than history. We have got to do something to draw the public in. Trudy – need to do something like a slide show – powerpoint with some music. Whether we get it done professionally or I can put something together and it can be made as big or small as you want to. I have a lap top but I don't have a projector. Janet – Chamber has one that they loan out. If we put our request in first. Russ – Last year after Rendezvous we had a discussion about putting a booth close to the van or in close proximity. Melinda – I talked to them at the Rendezvous Cmte meeting and they told me that was fine but we would have to move further out – outside of the circle because we can't bring the van in. Trudy – that is okay we will just have some loud music.

Trudy – they had the re-enactment camp last year. Melinda – they had a good response from the public with their programs.

Janet – people like old stuff – What gardens looked like back in the early 1900's; what crops were grown. Have implements and show how they work.

Jim – try to attract young audiences because parents follow their kids. ??

Melinda – consider space needs. Sounds like everyone is going to have to pay for their booth space. We need to buy a tent too.

Janet – have some advertisement up in the air so people can see that something fun is going on.
Friends of the Spokane House – they bring stuff to demonstrate how people used to do things. Melinda – they are very expensive as you have to pay for their expenses.

Janet – it is hard to get somebody for the whole time – maybe get them for a couple of hours. Maybe we could get the cowboy shooters to wear their outfits around there. Indian drummer group – if we have to, let's pay them.

Jim – maybe Melinda and I can start researching and maybe present some opportunities or ideas to you in the next 2-3 months. Janet – can we put a budget to it? Jim – I can ask about putting a professional svcs fund under HPC budget..

Melinda – maybe we could contact local tribes and see if they want to participate.

Janet – along with your idea of the slide show thing – we have a video about the Keller House and we could just run it. We could actually take pictures of things and do a slide show of that. We could run the David Thompson film – that is terrific.

A contest maybe? Janet – maybe Denny Blair would do something about his old house.

Jim – we don't compete with the food vendors. Janet – maybe we could get some of the vendors to put out our schedule.

Russ – they don't seem to have an info booth down there, do they? We have got to get our van close to our booth.

Janet - If we know that one of our programs clashes with something else maybe we could work things out.

Trudy – and we are going to have some music. It needs to be separated enough so that there isn't a problem. Have a schedule of our events instead of just waiting for people show up to fill the van.

Melinda – as soon as we can we need to let the Rendezvous Cmte how much space we need and then we need to firm up our schedule by June 1st. Get a couple of picnic tables and maybe some folding chairs available so that people could sit down and maybe eat and watch a program. Russ – could we get one of the shelters? Melinda – I will ask them about it.

Jim – we have all these things to find out...first things first. Melinda – we can find out if we can have a shelter and find out how many tables are in it. We can maybe enclose that too. Janet – that would be a good place for the equipment – under a shelter.

Janet – there are a couple of people who do a program about Mary Walker and the Pastor's wife at Fort Colville who were good friends. We are looking for historical acts.

Jim – I will check with Amanda at the library and see if they have anything to offer.

Janet – ?? Ludwig is terrific and he talks about the Indians and trails...he has a PowerPoint thing that he does.

REPORTS

Melinda reported that Russ was reappointed to another term on the HPC. Avrum Baum applied and he was recommended for appointment but that has been put on hold for a while. Council wants to discuss the policy on all of the Boards/Commissions to determine why some of them allow out-of-town people and some don't. Four other people have expressed an interest in HPC membership and we have two vacancies. Three people have submitted applications.

Would like more research material relative to architectural styles. Do we want to invest in that type of material or does anyone have something they would like to loan to us or donate?

Melinda – we have a person who wants to submit a plaque application for the house at 527 N. Main (next door to the pregnancy center). The owner is currently researching the property. It was originally built in 1904. The oldest photo she has found is from 1912 and it shows 2 porches on it – they have been enclosed since then. Melinda advised her to complete the application and submit it for review.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Bruce and the motion was seconded to adjourn. No objections and the meeting was adjourned at approx. 11:00 a.m.