

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 15, 2013

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, February 15, 2013, at City Hall. Chairman Russ Larsen called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. with a quorum present.

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting January 18, 2013 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Bruce Dietz moved that the minutes be approved as written. Tony Harmon seconded and voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Rendezvous Booth Activities.

Melinda Lee advised that it appears the Rendezvous Committee is moving forward with plans for 2013. She encouraged the HPC members to think about what booth activities they would like to do. Following discussion it was a consensus to try to duplicate some of the activities that were offered in 2012. Last year participants included the Gem & Mineral Club, Joe Barecca, Geno Ludwig, Guns & Roses, and local historians Tom & Shirley Dodson, Pat Graham, and Marvin & Ruth Ray. The HPC members expressed continued support for the book drawings. Melinda reported that the driving tour attracted some participants but the downtown tour did not generate any interest. Tony suggested trying to find someone interested in demonstrating something, such as blacksmithing, to help draw people in. He also offered to get the canopy again for the HPC booth.

Melinda indicated that The Heritage Network (THN) will be resuming its meetings soon following its winter break. She plans to ask the members how involved they want to be with the HPC booth this year. She noted that THN has a display from the National Historic Preservation Conference and she plans to ask if they would be interested in setting it up at Rendezvous. The next THN meeting will be held in March at the museum, at 9:30 a.m., and HPC members were invited to attend. Russ Larsen pointed out the HPC has two votes and any members can fill those chairs.

Melinda advised that she will start checking into things and will report back to HPC next month.

In discussion which followed general suggestions were made regarding Rendezvous Days, including bringing back the historic bartering aspect, change the date, reduce the cost of the booths to attract more vendors, don't spend so much money on entertainment, and bring in a carnival. Staff encouraged members to attend a Rendezvous Committee meeting to share their ideas.

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

### REPORTS

Tony asked if anyone had applied for a historic plaque lately. Melinda reported that she has one application pending for a residence on E. Birch Avenue but needs more information before bringing it to HPC.

Avrum Baum questioned whether the movie theater has a plaque; if so, do plaque recipients have an obligation to maintain their property at a particular level of upkeep. Staff confirmed that the Alpine Theater was awarded a plaque. Melinda advised that the only recourse available is to threaten to take the plaque away. She noted that on one occasion, when contacted, the plaque recipient cleaned up the property. Jim Lapinski added over the years the City's role has been more advisory rather than regulatory because downtown property owners indicated that they do not support any sort of regulations that would negatively affect the way they do business. He noted there are other communities around the state that have done the same thing because they found that by adding another layer of regulations they weren't getting any participation. Staff pointed out if the HPC wants to pursue another approach, it is recommended that the property owners in the downtown area be contacted again to find out how they would feel about adding regulations and then bring the issue back to HPC.

Melinda mentioned that on March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> an antique show, similar to the Antique Road Show, will be held in Trail, B.C. She distributed a flyer for information.

### ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.