

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 18, 2011

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, February 18, 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, Avrum Baum, and Janet Thomas. Trudy Lundy arrived after roll call. MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Dietz and Alan Bedford. One vacancy exists. STAFF PRESENT: Director of Building & Planning Jim Lapinski and Assistant Planner Melinda Lee. OTHERS PRESENT: John Springer. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of January 21, 2011 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Avrum Baum moved and Janet Thomas seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Voice vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Larsen introduced Avrum Baum as the newest member of the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discuss Rendezvous Booth.

• Guns & Roses Group.

Assistant Planner Melinda Lee introduced John Springer, representing Guns & Roses, a cowboy action shooting club. The group is interested in helping out the HPC at Rendezvous Days. Mr. Springer explained that the club has been in existence for approximately 5 years and currently has 26-28 members. Their shooting range is located at the Narcisse Grange. They shoot every 2nd Sunday from about 9am-noon. Mr. Springer indicated that group members could show up at Rendezvous in their period costumes. They could display the weapons that they use but would not demonstrate how to use them. He suggested the possibility of preparing a slideshow as well. Club members would not want to stay there for the entire weekend but could be there for a couple of hours.

Jim Lapinski questioned whether there would be any potential for doing some shooting at the old Fort Colville site. He suggested HPC could use the tour van to transport participants and/or observers to the site. John Springer believed that the club did something like that for Rendezvous Days in the past at their range at the Narcisse Grange. He was uncertain whether there would be a fee for doing that. He explained that the club has a range officer and safety is paramount. He invited interested persons to come out to the range next month to see what they do, on the 2nd Sunday, around 10 am. Janet Thomas asked if there are enough interested members to stretch their part of the program out longer by having people there at different times. Mr. Springer felt that staggering times might be a possibility. He offered to talk to the club members about doing a slideshow and participating on Saturday morning and afternoon or either. He will find out if there will be a fee and let Melinda know.

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- Progress on coordination of events.

Melinda reviewed progress on coordination of events as outlined in her 2011 HPC Rendezvous Booth Notes, which had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting (copy on file). She indicated it is possible that HPC could use the large shelter (Lion's Shelter) on the east side of the park, which is a covered space with picnic tables. There would be room enough to enclose an area for presentations and the other end could be the display area. The grassy area around the shelter could be used for implements or other equipment displays. Melinda noted that she has not yet finalized where the tour van could be parked. At this point, there is some uncertainty whether there will be a fee for the shelter. If a fee is charged, it could be under \$100. Melinda volunteered her family to pitch a tent and stay overnight to watch the booth for security reasons. She reported that the Library has offered to let HPC use their projector but requested that it not be left at the park overnight. The Friends of Spokane House were contacted regarding participation. They do a re-enactment that relates to the Hudson's Bay Fur Company trading business, specifically regarding David Thompson's travels. Melinda indicated that they seemed interested and wanted to discuss it at their meeting on Feb. 8th. She will contact them again and she what their response is. Both the Colville and Spokane Tribes expressed an interest in coming but have not made a commitment.

Russ Larsen questioned whether any of these groups charge a fee for their participation. Melinda responded that no one has mentioned a fee. She stated that the Rendezvous Committee may be able to provide some assistance in that regard. Jim Lapinski advised that the HPC has some funds available to use for professional services.

Janet brought up Geno Ludwig's presentation on Indians/trails and military roads. Melinda asked Janet if she could contact Mr. Ludwig and see if he is willing and available to participate.

Avrum Baum asked if anyone had contacted the Keller House Museum to see if they have anything that they could present. On behalf of the Historical Society, Janet explained that they may have a video about the Keller House done by then that could be shown.

Trudy Lundy suggested that a video of all of the buildings that have historic plaques would be desirable to give the public more of an understanding about these places. Janet added it might be nice if some of the property owners would allow interior features of their buildings to be filmed instead of just taking a straight shot of the front.

Other opportunities or suggestions that were made included trying to contact owners of old cars to see if they would be interested in bringing them down to the park. Melinda noted that this would be a way to represent the merchants as they contributed to the historic beginnings of the community. Having old tractors and ag implements on display was also seen as a way to show the contribution of agriculture to the culture of the area. Melinda explained that she learned that Arden Tree Farms may have an old logging wagon to use for a display. She pointed out part of the reason for Colville's wide streets is because of the logging wagons. Others liked the idea of dressing in costume, which could potentially create a theme and set a precedent for future years.

Janet felt presentations should be scheduled around meal times because that is when lots of people are there. She suggested that something "catchy" is needed to help attract people to the HPC booth.

Melinda pointed out putting a schedule of events together for the Chamber is a way to attract more people at other times.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Historic Preservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.

Melinda distributed a handout and explained that the City Council will be considering the Historic Preservation Element of the Comprehensive Plan at a public hearing on Tuesday, February 22nd. She invited interested persons to attend this meeting or future meetings for any of the other elements. Jim noted that the public hearing provides another opportunity for the public to provide input before the Comprehensive Plan is finalized and adopted. The element is posted on the City's website or staff can provide copies to anyone who is interested. Melinda noted the HPC previously reviewed and approved the new element.

General discussion followed regarding the historic brochure which features the plaque recipients. It was a consensus to deplete the supply of old brochures and then work towards printing a new updated one. It was recognized that the HPC has not been aggressive in getting people to apply for plaques. It was suggested that a future article in the Silverado Express newspaper might bring more attention to the program.

REPORTS

A. Membership application pending.

Melinda reported that Tony Harmon applied for membership to fill the vacant position. Mr. Harmon was unavailable for an interview today. It was a consensus to have Melinda and Russ interview Mr. Harmon when their schedules allow.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, on a motion and a second the meeting was adjourned.