

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 21, 2014

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, February 21, 2014, at City Hall. Chairman Russ Larsen called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Larsen, Bruce Dietz, Alan Bedford, Avrum Baum. Tony Harmon arrived after roll call. MEMBERS ABSENT: 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 January 17, 2014 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Russ Larsen noted a correction on Pg. 2, bullet 4, strike the words “7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher” and insert “Principal.” Alan Bedford moved and Bruce Dietz seconded the motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Voice vote showed all in favor.

Chairman Russ Larsen reordered the items under Old Business pending the arrival of guest John Hodde.

OLD BUSINESS

B. Continued Discussion – Status of Logging Rodeo.

Chairman Larsen continued discussion on the status of the logging rodeo idea. He and Bruce Dietz referenced several logging rodeos that had been held here in the past. The events they remembered focused on aspects of the logging industry and were held at the fairgrounds and the community college campus.

Upon Tony Harmon’s arrival, he explained that at past HPC meetings he presented the idea of having a “chainsaw carving contest” in Colville similar to an annual event held in Sedro Woolley. Chainsaw carvers produce pieces of art that are judged in a contest and then afterwards they are put up for auction and sold. Every year the City of Sedro Woolley buys a carving and then places the piece on a street corner and now there are lots of them on display. The logs are donated and monetary prizes are awarded to the contest winners. He estimated the prize money would be approximately \$3,000. As the HPC members had expressed an interest in this idea, Tony had contacted an individual who made a presentation to the Colville Chamber of Commerce but the Chamber did not take any action on the idea.

Tony suggested it might be beneficial if some of the HPC members could go to Sedro Woolley with him during the annual event to experience it. He stated they could stay with his mother while there.

Based on ensuing comments, the HPC members all agreed that the term “logging rodeo” was confusing. They felt that what they really have in mind is an art competition event involving “chainsaw carving” and decided that is what they want to call it. Discussion followed concerning how to proceed with the idea of

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a “chainsaw carving contest”. It was recognized that other groups/sponsors would need to be involved as well to promote and organize a successful event. The members liked Tony’s suggestion of possibly incorporating it with Rendezvous Days and requested that someone find out the dates for 2014 Rendezvous and contact information. They felt a space at the City Park would be the most desirable location, possibly the swimming pool parking lot. It was noted that any potential location should not interfere with the musical events during Rendezvous. Recognizing that some funding would be needed if this idea moves forward, it was suggested that maybe money could be requested from Hotel/Motel tax funds for contest prizes. Tony expressed a willingness to call his contact person in Sedro Woolley again to see if he is still interested in promoting an event in Colville. Jim Lapinski offered to check with the Rendezvous Committee regarding the 2014 dates and will let Tony know. Avrum Baum felt it might also be beneficial to contact former Colville City Engineer Mark Freiberger, who now works for the City of Sedro Woolley, for additional information about their annual event. Once information is gathered, Tony suggested setting up a joint conference call in the future to discuss the idea with interested parties.

Further discussion of this item was continued to a future meeting.

### C. Continued Discussion – Historic kiosk display.

Russ asked if there had been any progress in getting permission to display the historic kiosk at the Chamber of Commerce office. Tony reported he tried to contact the Chamber but needs to check back when Debbie Garringer returns from vacation. Russ requested that Tony talk to Chamber President Zach Ross noting he works next door to the Chamber office at the Colville Do It Center. Tony was given some photos of the kiosk to show to Mr. Ross.

### A. Continued Discussion – Military Fort Colville Project with guest John Hodde.

Jim Lapinski reported that John Hodde is unable to be to here at this time to discuss Military Fort Colville. This item was continued to a future meeting.

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

## REPORTS

- 2014 Rendezvous Update. Jim reported that the City Council took action to allocate money for the 2014 Rendezvous from lodging tax funds.
- Military Fort Colville Road Update. Russ Larsen presented a brief report on the meeting on Military Fort Colville Road that he attended on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at the museum. He explained there were interesting maps and research materials available at the meeting for viewing.
- Rendezvous Booth. Avrum Baum requested that HPC consider putting something together to present at Rendezvous this year. He suggested sharing a booth with other groups like the Stevens County Historical Society. It was pointed out that HPC and the Chamber worked together in the same booth last year. Russ suggested if anyone wants to approach the Stevens County Historical Society Board, their meetings are held at the museum, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, at 1:00 p.m.

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Russ also stated The Heritage Network would be having its first 2014 meeting in March, which he plans to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

Alan Bedford moved and Bruce Dietz seconded the motion to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.