

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 16, 2012

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, March 16, 2012, 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 and Alan Bedford. MEMBERS ABSENT: Avrum Baum and Tony Harmon. Two vacancies exist. STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Planner Melinda Lee. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of February 17, 2012 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Russ Larsen moved and Alan Bedford seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Historic Markers.

Due to the absence of Tony Harmon, this matter was continued to a future meeting.

B. Update on Rendezvous Booth.

In her update on the Rendezvous booth, Melinda Lee explained that she sent out requests for confirmation from the people who participated last year. At this time, she has only received confirmation from Geno Ludwig. She has not heard from Guns & Roses and Friends of Spokane House who have verbally indicated an interest in returning. Melinda indicated she is seeking other participants as well. A grant for \$995 was submitted to The Heritage Network for supplies for Rendezvous. Melinda plans to attend their meeting on Monday, in Loon Lake, to represent the application. She advised that she will be attending a Rendezvous Committee meeting next week.

Alan Bedford asked if it would be possible to allow others, such as the Chamber, to reprint the tour booklet at their cost. Melinda confirmed that reprints of the booklets could be done as long as it is at no cost to the HPC. Al suggested that the option be offered to people who express an interest.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Review and possible approval of a Historic Plaque application from Selkirk Motel.

A completed application for a historic plaque from the Selkirk Motel, 369 S. Main Street, had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting (copy on file). In the discussion which followed Alan felt the motel is representative of the period in which it was built. Bruce Dietz pointed out it is the only motel left downtown. It was recognized that the area where the motel is located used to be considered the edge of downtown.

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Alan Bedford moved and Bruce Dietz seconded the motion to grant the request for a historic plaque to the Selkirk Motel. Voice vote showed all in favor.

REPORTS

A. National Preservation Conference.

Melinda reported she had no further information to share at this time regarding the National Preservation Conference, which is to be held in Spokane in October.

Al Bedford noted, at a previous HPC meeting, it was recognized that a goal in the Comprehensive Plan promotes the recognition of local artists and artisans by preserving artwork. He had presented a draft plan to the HPC for doing art awards. Al expressed the feeling that the HPC is already in existence and is suited to handling this task. He suggested it would be easier for the City Council to direct HPC to do it rather than create a new entity. He asked Melinda if she could present a report to the Planning Commission in the future for input. Melinda agreed that input from the Planning Commission might be helpful but advised that staff is uncertain how to proceed with it at this point.

Brief discussion followed regarding the two vacancies on the Commission. It was noted that candidates are not limited to city residency. HPC members asked if an advertisement for the vacancies can be published in the local newspaper. Melinda offered to request the City Clerk's office to run an ad. Al also suggested that consideration be given to posting notices at public places such as Yummy Cupcakes & More.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Al Bedford moved and Bruce Dietz seconded the motion adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 a.m.