

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 19, 2013

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, April 19, 2013, 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, Alan Bedford, Bruce Dietz, and Terry Cripps. Tony Harmon arrived after roll call. MEMBERS ABSENT: One vacancy exists. STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Planner Melinda Lee. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the previous meetings of December 21, 2012, February 15, 2013, and March 15, 2013 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Alan Bedford moved and Terry Cripps seconded to approve the minutes as written. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Rendezvous Booth Update.

Melinda Lee provided an update on the Rendezvous Booth. She indicated that Don McLaughlin is the only person who has committed to date. He will do a lecture on the progress of the Fort Colville/Walla Walla Military Road. He is overseeing that project, which received grant funds through The Heritage Network. Melinda stated she would like to schedule Don in conjunction with Geno Ludwig. Although Geno has not yet committed to doing his lecture, if he does, she proposed having Geno first and then Don. She noted that she referred several people to Laurie Engell for the encampment and some have committed including gold panning, blacksmithing, and the Oregon Trail people. Melinda noted that no other groups are lined up to share the HPC booth this year.

Melinda felt if HPC is able to get The Heritage Network (THN) historic booth to set up it may be necessary to get someone willing to stay overnight for security reasons. She explained currently the historical booth is being stored by one of THN members. THN had approached the Chamber of Commerce about setting it up at their new office in the Southtown Plaza but the Board declined taking the whole booth. HPC members thought the Chamber office would be an excellent location and felt renewed efforts should be made to try to get the Chamber to reconsider. Melinda stated that alternatively THN is hoping to get permission from Tri-County Economic Development District (TEDD) to store it or set it up at their location. Avrum Baum indicated a willingness to consider having a historical section set up at his new building at Tiger @ Creek. Russ and Melinda offered to bring the idea up to THN.

It was Melinda's understanding that the Rendezvous Committee has not yet held a meeting and was uncertain what is happening with it. Terry Cripps offered to check with Steve Oswin and will report back to Melinda.

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B. School Participation Update.

Russ Larsen explained that at the last meeting he, Terry, and Alan were wondering whether Washington State History is a requirement for high school graduation. Russ talked to Paul Dumas and learned that 7th graders must pass Washington State History in order to graduate from the 8th grade. Mr. Dumas indicated that he would be glad to show HPC the curriculum. Russ advised that anyone is welcome to sit in on the class at the Junior High, which is taught by Linda Wolfe. Visitors are asked to call ahead before arriving for the class. Mr. Dumas requested that if the HPC wants the kids to do something, please bring flyers and information to show them what they could do.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Status of McCrea Application for Historic Plaque.

Melinda advised that Don Birch is helping the McCreas process the application for the "Hofstetter House." She stated she has been reviewing the documentation which Mr. Birch submitted, but she is not prepared to bring the application to HPC yet. She questioned whether it should be called the "Hofstetter House" because even though they owned the property originally, it appears they did not actually build the house. It was Melinda's impression that the house could have been built by a Mr. Hooker who bought the property from the Hofstetters. Russ stated that Mr. Hooker was a prominent individual in the history of Colville and a street was even named after him. Melinda will continue to review the submitted documents for more information.

REPORTS

Melinda reported at its last meeting The Heritage Network (THN) had a long discussion about what to do with their display booth and efforts to find a permanent location for it. There was a lot of discussion regarding the Fort Colville/Walla Walla Military Road project. Don McLaughlin is putting together teams representing different sections of the road to help with the project. Melinda reported that The Voyagers gave a very interesting presentation and brought one of their canoes for the group to see. The next THN meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday of May, at 9:30 a.m., at Chewelah City Hall. Melinda added that the 2013 theme will focus on schools and highlighting the history of them.

Tony Harmon reported seeing the recent HPC articles in the Silverado Express. Melinda noted if requested, Don Birch will put in pictures of awards to plaque recipients. She offered to submit the pictures for future publication.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Bruce Dietz moved and Terry Cripps seconded to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.