

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 20, 2012

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, April 20, 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, Alan Bedford, and Avrum Baum. MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Harmon. Two vacancies exist. STAFF PRESENT: Director of Building & Planning Jim Lapinski and Assistant Planner Melinda Lee. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of March 16, 2012 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Rendezvous Booth.

Melinda Lee presented an update on the Rendezvous booth. She explained that she made contact with all of the participants from last year and is still waiting for responses from some of them. Joe Barecca, Geno Ludwig, and Kitty Johnson have all indicated a willingness to participate. Confirmation from Guns & Roses is expected soon. She advised that The Heritage Network wants to share space with HPC. Melinda also reported that she continues to work with Laurie Engell on coordination of the shared space in the encampment area.

Staff presented an update on the Rendezvous Committee meetings. It was noted that the Chamber of Commerce may be contacting some potential participants as well. It was reported that Army recruiter Nick Cochran attended the last meeting and has enlisted the Army to set up a booth next to HPC to present historical aspects of the military. Mr. Cochran has indicated that he might be able to get people to come dressed up to represent the military.

Avrum Baum suggested getting a local farmer to share space with the HPC and set up historical sources of food and provide goods for sale. Melinda stated that the Rendezvous Committee might object to the selling of goods at the booth. Russ Larsen indicated it was his understanding that the Farmers Market is already scheduled to be at Rendezvous this year. It was felt that the presence of the Farmers Market would provide the opportunity for local farmers to participate.

Melinda reported that the HPC was awarded the \$995 grant from the Heritage Network to pay for needed supplies for the Rendezvous booth. She will make purchases, as necessary.

At this time, the Chairman asked for any additional items under Old Business.

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B. History spots on radio – articles for Silverado Express.

Melinda indicated that HPC previously discussed the possibility of promoting history by doing radio announcements and submitting articles to the Silverado Express. She said that staff still needs to know how HPC feels about these two things. She pointed out volunteers would be needed to actually put the information together for submittal.

Avrum explained his original thought was to do weekly radio announcements using a historical headline from old newspapers. He wondered if maybe the museum could do the necessary research at its reference library. Following brief discussion it was a consensus to invite Janet Thomas to a future meeting to discuss the possibility of involving the museum. Jim and Alan also indicated a willingness to contact Sophia Aldous at the Statesman Examiner regarding historical newspaper headlines.

C. Recognition of artwork.

Based on some goals and objectives in the Comprehensive Plan, Alan Bedford asked if the City Council has authorized the HPC to proceed with the proposed recognition program for artwork that was discussed at a previous meeting. Jim advised that the decision to move forward with such a program needs to be made by the HPC. He stated the HPC needs to determine if it is consistent with the purpose and intent of the commission as established by ordinance.

Avrum felt that the formulation of a plan recognizing historical significant artwork is within the HPC's current mission statement. He emphasized that an HPC volunteer is going to be needed to take the lead to implement it. Alan expressed a willingness to pursue it further subject to the development of a process.

Melinda recommended that at this point if the HPC decides to move forward that preservation of artwork should be tied to some kind of physical object that can be looked at and the historical significance identified. Avrum suggested reviewing the existing application form and modifying it to fit artwork. Al felt that historical material such as music or written words should not be ignored.

It was a general consensus to pursue the idea of recognizing artwork as a function of the HPC.

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

REPORTS

Melinda reported at its March meeting The Heritage Network awarded the grant to the HPC. The April meeting was an annual meeting that well attended. She advised that HPC members are invited to a recognition potluck dinner in the Library basement at 6 p.m., on April 27th for volunteers who help with The Heritage Network and Preserve America efforts. She noted the dinner is open to anyone who has an interest in history.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Al Bedford moved and the motion was seconded to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.