

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 18, 2012

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, May 18, 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, Avrum Baum, and Alan Bedford. MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Dietz and 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 April 20, 2012 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Alan Bedford moved and Avrum Baum seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Historic Markers.

Melinda Lee shared a photo of Tony Harmon's historic marker, which he did for approximately \$100 (\$10-\$15 materials/\$85 for lettering). She pointed out the HPC only budgeted \$400 for 2012 in anticipation of this program. It was suggested that possibly HPC could pay for materials and building owners could pay for the lettering if they want a historic marker. It was felt that all historic markers should generally follow the same pattern. It was Melinda's understanding that the intent is to apply historic markers only to downtown historic properties.

Avrum Baum questioned whether the Chamber of Commerce might be willing to include an insert identifying the downtown historic properties in its annual booklet, which is widely distributed. Melinda offered to check on this suggestion with the Chamber.

B. Rendezvous Booth.

Melina distributed a list of activities that she is working on for the booth and reviewed the status of each (copy on file). She reported that Joe Barreca is scheduled to present the Crossroads/geology history on Friday at 2:30-4:00 pm. Geno Ludwig is scheduled for Saturday from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. He may be available Sunday afternoon for "Chat with Historians" as are Shirley and Tom Dodson. The idea of the "chat" being to have local historians in the booth on Sunday afternoon to answer questions. Other potential "chat" participants were suggested including Russ Larsen, Ruth and Marvin Ray, John and Jeanie Acorn, and Chuck Brandt/McMillans. Melinda noted that Sgt. Nick Cochrane is still hoping to follow up on possible re-enactments. Kitty Johnson and John Springer, Guns & Roses, have not yet confirmed participation. No responses have been received from Pat Graham, Friends of Spokane House, and the Kalispel Tribe. Melinda hoped to contact Don MacLaughlin about a program on tribal history.

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It was reported that The Heritage Network and Preserve America will be at the booth with their information. Melinda noted that Grady Knight offered a "Ceremony of Tears" video to use; also DVD's on Fort Colville and a Civil War re-enactment for \$20 each. Following brief discussion, it was a consensus not to pursue the video or DVD's because the booth area will be too noisy to show them.

It was noted that there are lots of other events going on in the Inland Northwest that same weekend that may prohibit some people like the Voyageurs and Bridges from the Past from attending Rendezvous. Other uses in the City Park that weekend include a regional swim meet and baseball tournament. There will be a fly-in at the Colville Airport on Saturday morning. It was pointed out that HPC tried to give people free rides from the airport to Rendezvous last year but no one took advantage of it.

Melinda presented an idea for a self-guided historic walking tour of the downtown plaque recipients, which could help local merchants during Rendezvous weekend. She requested a volunteer to shuttle people back and forth from the park to downtown on Saturday morning and Avrum Baum offered to do it. Melinda offered to create a separate "downtown" brochure that could be used for the self-guided tour. It was suggested to include the brochure with Chamber's annual booklet. Melinda also stated that she can do the historic driving tours on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Jim Lapinski presented a status report on a possible historic farm implement display. He indicated he became aware of a group of individuals who may be potential participants. He will try to contact Doug Connelly and ask about attending one of their meetings to explain the idea and possibly encourage them to get their own booth, especially if they want to do cooking demonstrations and sell their food.

Melinda requested direction about whether or not to have drawings again for free books. She stated last year's winners were very appreciative of receiving their books. It was a consensus to have the drawings again. Jim offered to make a donation and Melinda will follow up on price checks and the possible purchase of new books.

### C. Continued discussion regarding historic art.

Alan Bedford reported that he had contacted the owner of Yummy Cupcakes & More and presented the proposed historic art recognition program. He explained to the business owner that HPC feels the mural on that building is something that should be recognized and they would like to add it to the walking tour. The business owner had no objections to placing the mural on the walking tour and indicated that she was interested in applying for a historic plaque for the building. Russ Larsen pointed out that the business owner is not the property owner. There was discussion relative to who makes the request and what authorization is needed (building owner or tenant). Alan proposed a "document" instead of a plaque to recognize the value of art, pointing out it also needs to be tied historically to Colville. He felt this could be a test case and suggested that signed copies of the document be provided to the building owner, business owner, and the artist. Alan stated he will continue to review the plaque application and rewrite it to fit art recognition. He stated he hopes to submit a draft application for review and consideration at the next HPC meeting.

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

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### REPORTS:

Melinda reported that she is in the process of updating the tour book, which will include some new photos. She also advised that she received a call from the plaque recipient at 453 E. Astor who is going to submit a letter asking that her home be removed from the list. Apparently she is in the process of getting new insurance and the company she has been talking to is going to charge her \$1,000 more to cover the house because it is historic. Melinda talked to Karl at Garringer Insurance and he said in their opinion it is because "of the age of the house" not necessarily because HPC has recognized it as historic with a plaque. HPC members expressed concern that this could cause the City to lose some of the plaque recipients and could extend as well to national or state recognition. Melinda felt we may see more of this in the future and she will keep HPC informed as information becomes available.

Alan Bedford reported that he attempted to contact Sophia at the Statesman Examiner regarding news spots. Having received no response to date, he will continue to pursue this.

### ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Alan Bedford moved and Avrum Baum seconded the motion to adjourn. There were no objections and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:20 a.m.