

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

May 20, 2011

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, May 20, 2011, at City Hall. Chairman Russ Larsen called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Larsen, Bruce Dietz, Avrum Baum, and Janet Thomas. Alan Bedford arrived at 10:30 a.m. MEMBERS ABSENT: Trudy Lundy and Tony Harmon. STAFF PRESENT: Director of Building & Planning Jim Lapinski and Assistant Planner Melinda Lee. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes from the previous meeting of April 15, 2011 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Rendezvous Booth Update.

Melinda Lee presented an updated schedule for the Rendezvous booth. She advised that Tony Harmon volunteered to help her set up on Friday morning and take things down on Sunday. She has not received confirmation to participate from the Spokane Tribe, Kalispel Tribe, or Military Fort Colville group. The Friends of Spokane House will try to have a representative of their organization participate one morning. The Colville Tribe wants to do a hands-on craft project that the public can participate in. Janet Thomas indicated that there are some videos that are available for showing, if needed, to fill time. Melinda confirmed that the Lion's Shelter in the park, with picnic tables, is reserved for HPC. She advised that she needs to measure the shelter to purchase tarps to enclose a portion of it.

Melinda reported that the HPC schedule will be published in the newspaper by the Chamber as part of the Rendezvous schedule and advertisements are being prepared now. In addition, announcements will be made over the loud speaker at Rendezvous. Janet suggested for more public awareness that a news article could be submitted to the Statesman Examiner, Silverado Express, and the North Columbia Monthly.

Regarding the HPC display boards, in previous discussions it was suggested that they be updated or replaced with new ones. Melinda felt if that is the desire of the HPC that task should begin soon. She also suggested putting something on the tour van that would attract people.

Jim Lapinski offered to contact Woodland Productions to see if any of the actors would be interested in participating in the program either by dressing in period clothing or portraying some historical figure. Janet also suggested asking the Guns & Roses group if anyone would want to walk around the park during the day in period clothing.

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Discussion followed regarding displays of old equipment and implements. Although it was recognized that these items would enhance the HPC program, Melinda pointed out there won't be any security at the shelter. She noted Arden Tree Farms still plans to bring in a logging wagon. Melinda asked if HPC members with contacts could call people and ask them if they want to bring anything and would be willing to leave items there over the weekend. She indicated she also talked with Pearl Mance about helping get some people together for a representation of early merchants.

Janet suggested displaying some books for people to look at or maybe even sell (i.e., Pat Graham's historical book collection). Melinda pointed out one of the reasons HPC does not have to pay for the booth space is because it is not commercial and no merchandise is being sold. Alan Bedford asked if a give away would be permitted. It was felt a drawing each day by HPC might attract people to the booth. Staff will look into the cost of purchasing some books and check on state laws governing these types of activities.

Janet felt it could be helpful to make a poster that defines what a rendezvous is and why it is important.

Bruce Dietz asked about the plaque for Tony Harmon's building. Melinda responded that the Colville Sign Company is making the plaque and she offered to check on the status.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business to present.

REPORTS

Janet presented a report on the Heritage Network. She advised that geocaching items were recently planted on 9 sites in Stevens County and several are pending. The information will be put on the internet. The Heritage Network meets every 3rd Monday at 9:30 a.m. and the next meeting will be at the Northport Library District.

Melinda reported that she received a flyer from the Spokane House advertising an event they will be holding on June 18-19. Everyone is welcome.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, on a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 a.m.