

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

September 21, 2012

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, September 21, 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, Alan Bedford, Bruce Dietz, Tony Harmon, and Avrum Baum. MEMBERS ABSENT: Two vacancies exist. STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Planner Melinda Lee and Director of Building & Planning Jim Lapinski. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of July 20, 2012 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Alan Bedford moved and the motion was seconded to approve the minutes as written. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Summary of Rendezvous Booth Activity.

Melinda Lee presented a summary of Rendezvous booth activity. She felt that overall booth activity went well, but there did not seem to be as many visitors as expected. It was her observation that the most public interest occurred when there was a special activity such as the Gem & Mineral Club and lectures by Joe Barecca and Geno Ludwig. Melinda reported that historical brochures and booklets were available but not as many were taken from the booth as were picked up at the fair. She advised that she had put together a display table at the fair, which received a second place red ribbon.

Tony Harmon questioned whether there was much interest in the “Chat with Historians” segment. Melinda advised that Marvin & Ruth Ray, Pat Graham, and Tom & Shirley Dodson were in attendance but that no one came over to talk to them. She indicated she was very disappointed that this activity did not draw more interest from the public. Bruce Dietz stated that he had a good time talking to these local historians and found their stories very informative. He stated that it would have been nice to have a recorder on hand to tape the information.

Melinda reported that she conducted two historic tours (one each on Saturday and Sunday). She stated Avrum Baum was available for the downtown tour on Saturday morning but there was no interest shown by the public. She was uncertain whether the HPC should continue to offer that tour in the future.

B. Changes to Plaque Orders/Historic Markers.

Melinda reported that she had to reduce her recent order for blank plaques to 7 instead of 10 based on available funding. She noted the historical markers program will have to wait for the next budget cycle. Jim Lapinski confirmed that he submitted the 2013 budget request for funding for plaques and supplies,

which will include historic markers. Melinda advised that she had not contacted downtown business owners yet about historic markers and will wait until funding is available for the program.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### A. Review Hume Plaque Application.

Tom & Wilma Hume submitted a historic plaque application for their Victorian residence at 355 N. Maple Street. The application and supporting documentation was distributed to each member prior to the meeting (copy on file). Melinda pointed out the property was associated with two historically significant individuals – John (Jack) Stevens, a drayman, and Dr. Roy Wells, a medical doctor. Evaluation of the plaque application followed. It was felt that the application met all of the criteria for a historic plaque.

Alan Bedford expressed appreciation for all of the information but felt it would have been helpful if a summary had been provided outlining the history of the property/house. He also noted he would like to be sure that HPC is giving equal attention to other architectural styles as well and suggested that it might be beneficial to put out a future article on the different styles and how to identify them.

Alan Bedford moved and the motion was seconded to approve the request for a historic plaque for 355 N. Maple Street. Voice vote carried unanimously.

#### B. Discussion Regarding Quarterly Meetings.

As a result of discussion it was a consensus of the HPC to continue to schedule regular monthly meetings, on the third Friday of the month, at 10:00 a.m., as needed. It was suggested that the members call Melinda if they have issues that they would like to see discussed at a meeting. It was noted that business is not confined to specific issues like plaque applications.

### REPORTS

Melinda presented a status report on the National Historic Preservation Conference booth. She advised that the Stevens County Commissioners paid for the space and the booth is being built on donations from other communities. A post and pole display booth will be built to represent the fur trade in the region. Handout information will be provided highlighting historically significant elements from local communities. Melinda explained that our local tours will be highlighted and well as concentration on the more recent history of commerce in the area (retail, merchants – newer industrial age). It will include handmade replicas of a desk and chairs from the Hudson Bay Fort Colville. It was Melinda's understanding that someone is making a quilt for display depicting a map of the historical Walla Walla to Fort Colville trail and show how development occurred along the way. The Chamber of Commerce has offered a plasma TV to put on the back wall of the booth for a continual slide show of historically significant places and people, including the influence of the local Indian tribes. Melinda indicated that she and Bruce Dietz will represent the HPC at the conference in Spokane the end of October. She will continue to communicate with him on matters relating to the booth.

Russ Larsen presented a brief report on a recent meeting of The Heritage Network (THN). It was his understanding that a museum is going to be developed in Inchelium. He noted more of the local tribes are

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beginning to participate in THN. Russ also reported that the exterior of the American Legion Hall in Colville was recently painted with help from members of the LDS Church and other organizations. Due to a scheduled event, no interior painting was able to be done. Russ announced that the American Legion will host a candidates night next month, which he will moderate. Candidates for County Commissioner, PUD, the 7<sup>th</sup> state legislative district, and the 5<sup>th</sup> federal congressional district positions are expected to attend.

### ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, on a motion and a second, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.