

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 18, 2013

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, October 18, 2013, at City Hall. Chairman Russ Larsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. without a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Larsen, Alan Bedford, and Bruce Dietz. MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Cripps, Avrum Baum, and Tony Harmon. One vacancy exists. 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 September 20, 2013 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next regular meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Review 2014 Budget Items.
 - Future costs for plaques.

Assistant Planner Melinda Lee reported that HPC currently has six (6) prepaid blank plaques from the Colville Sign Company. A plaque has been ordered for the Hofstetter House and the McCrea plaque is in process. Melinda advised that the Colville Sign Company has six (6) additional blanks that HPC could buy if more are needed. After that, the cost will increase substantially, which will need to be dealt with at that time.

Alan Bedford requested a progress report on the Art Award Program. Melinda distributed a couple of samples of certificates for review (attached hereto and made a part of these minutes). Brief discussion followed and it was a consensus not to spend money on plaques for artistic works; present a certificate possibly in a nice frame, which is less expensive. Russ questioned whether frames would be provided for additional copies of a certificate, if requested. Alan suggested that if someone wants to install something outdoors, they could pay for that on their own. He encouraged HPC members to think about the art award program and write out recommendations/options for evaluation at a future meeting.

Russ Larsen offered to make the award presentation for the Leno Prestini Collection at the annual Stevens County Historical Society Board meeting on Oct. 22nd if the certificate is ready. Melinda requested that a decision be made on the design for the certificate. Following review, the HPC members chose the certificate that identifies “significant details” about the artwork. She pointed out the certificate needs to be signed by the Mayor, who is unavailable at this time, but maybe the Mayor Pro-Tem can sign it.

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Russ asked Melinda to check with the museum to see if they want to have the award presentation at their annual evening meeting. Everyone thought it would be nice to have a photo taken, possibly by Sophia Aldous from the Statesman Examiner. Russ will call Melinda on October 22nd for an update.

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

REPORTS

Melinda reported that there will be a meeting of The Heritage Network (THN) on Monday, October 21st, in Clayton, and indicated she planned to attend. She will ask questions relative to the grant cycle for THN. She pointed out grants won't be awarded until March 2014.

Brief discussion followed concerning the attendance of Terry Cripps and Tony Harmon. Russ requested that Melinda contact Terry and Tony and talk to them and see what is going on. It was reported that there has been no interest in the HPC vacancy even from a prior newspaper article announcing multiple vacancies on City Boards/Commissions. Alan advised that he has mentioned Board/Commission vacancies in the Knights of Pythias newsletter to try to generate some interest. He encouraged HPC to continue to discuss ideas on getting civic involvement. Al expressed a desire to continue to see meetings scheduled regularly noting that members lose interest otherwise. Director of Building & Planning Jim Lapinski questioned the point of having meetings when there are no quorums. He reported that the City Council has asked all City Departments to reduce their 2014 budget requests by 3-5%, which could affect staffing levels. He advised that he has had to reduce the HPC budget request from \$600 to \$300.

Melinda reported that she is currently in the process of updating the tour booklet and brochure in an effort to have them reprinted by the end of the year. She stated Joe Barreca has offered to print them at the same price as the last order.

Russ announced that the Fort Colville Grange will have its 100th anniversary party on Sunday, Oct. 20th, at 2:00 p.m., at the Grange Hall on Highway 20. Everyone was invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.