

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 16, 2012

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, November 16, 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, and Bruce Dietz. MEMBERS ABSENT: Tony Harmon and Avrum Baum. Two vacancies exist. STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Planner Melinda Lee and Director of Building & Planning Jim Lapinski. GUESTS PRESENT: Tom & Wilma Hume. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 21, 2012 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Alan Bedford moved and Bruce Dietz seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Hume Plaque Award.

At the previous meeting, the HPC approved the request by Tom & Wilma Hume for a historic plaque for their Victorian residence at 355 N. Maple Street. At this time, Chairman Larsen awarded the plaque to the Humes.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2013 Budget.

Due to constraints, Jim Lapinski advised the HPC operating/supplies budget was reduced to \$600, which staff felt should be adequate for 2013. Jim stated if more funding is needed, a budget amendment may be necessary. Melinda noted she ordered seven blank plaques this year. Staff will likely need to reorder additional historic tour booklets in 2013.

B. Rendezvous Days.

Relative to the historic tours offered during Rendezvous, staff noted that no one took advantage of the downtown tour. It was noted that there has always been interest in the driving tour of the residential plaque recipients. Melinda noted that the cost of transportation for the tours has been covered by donations. Staff reported that they understand there have been some resignations on the Rendezvous Committee. It was felt there will likely be some reorganization of the committee, with future meetings scheduled after the first of the year.

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### C. Artwork Award.

Alan Bedford indicated that there is still an effort being made to establish a procedure to recognize and preserve historic artwork. For example, he has made an attempt to give a form to the proprietor at Syd's Cupcakes as a test case for recognizing the existing murals on the building. Melinda further advised that some discussion has taken place relative to the appropriate way to recognize artwork and thoughts are leaning towards using Heritage Court as a place to display awards/certificates and bring public awareness to the program. Alan Bedford stated that he would like to see a plaque displayed there explaining how Heritage Court was created.

Russ Larsen questioned whether there has been any progress on getting articles/photos of HPC plaque awards published in the local newspaper. Melinda advised that she had not pursued the matter since the last discussion. It was suggested that staff contact Don Birch at Booth & LaDuke Motors to see if the Silverado Express newspaper would give the HPC some publicity.

## REPORTS

### A. National Preservation Conference Update.

Melinda Lee reported that she attended the conference in Spokane and enjoyed it very much. She stated there was very good response to the booth, which received recognition as the best booth. Photos of the booth were shared with the members. Bruce Dietz, who also attended and worked in the booth, estimated there were about 40 booths there. Melinda noted it was reported that approximately 1600 individuals were at the conference. She advised that representatives from the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP) and the MAC in Spokane stopped by the booth as well as other dignitaries. Melinda indicated that she was able to attend some very beneficial workshops that were offered at the conference. One of the workshops dealt with ways to incorporate art preservation with a historic preservation program. Another workshop focused on the role of the Commission and making sure that it does not overstep its legal boundaries. It was suggested that non-profit organizations like The Heritage Network could be used to help further promote programs. Bruce reported that he attended a workshop on how the federal government preserves and protects history as well.

Russ reported that the next meeting of The Heritage Network will be on Monday, November 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., at the museum in Colville.

Melinda reported that Barbara Harmon has indicated an interest in applying for one of the vacant positions on the HPC. It was noted that there are currently two vacant positions.

## ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Alan Bedford moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.