

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

December 16, 2011

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, December 16, 2011, at City Hall. Chairman Russ Larsen called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Larsen, Janet Thomas, Avrum Baum, and Alan Bedford. MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Dietz 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 of the previous meeting of November 18, 2011 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Janet Thomas moved and Alan Bedford seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Brief discussion followed and Melinda confirmed that approval of the minutes requires a motion. A motion is not needed to officially adjourn if the Commission has completed all of the items on the agenda. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Historic Markers.

Due to the absence of Tony Harmon, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Member Updates.

Melinda Lee advised that as of January 1, 2012 there will be two vacancies on the Commission. She noted that Janet Thomas has decided not to continue her membership.

B. Nomination and Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Alan Bedford nominated Russ Larsen as Chairman and Avrum Baum as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations and the respective nominees were elected by unanimous vote.

C. Review Historic Plaque Applications.

1) 320 N. Main Street – Old Safeway Store. Traci and Avrum Baum submitted an application for a historic plaque for the building located at 320 N. Main Street. The application had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting (copy on file). Some discussion followed relative to associating the building with a historic person or event. It was suggested that recognition could also be given to original

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owner John Raftis and Safeway Store Manager Harold Kester who were prominent businessmen in town. It was felt that the application meets all of the criteria for a historic plaque.

Alan Bedford moved and Janet Thomas seconded the motion to approve the historic plaque application as presented. Voice vote showed all in favor.

Jim Lapinski felt that Avrum Baum has established himself as a significant contributor to the development of Colville. He felt such recognition could be used in the future to associate the historical significance of a building to a person.

2) 126 S. Main Street – Wingham’s Market. Sue Poe had submitted an application for a historic plaque for the building located at 126 S. Main Street. The application had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting (copy on file). Discussion followed relative to prior uses in the building. Melinda suggested that the plaque contain two dates – 1888 for the first wood building and 1913 for the current brick building. It was felt that the application meets all of the criteria for a historic plaque.

Alan Bedford moved and Janet Thomas seconded the motion to approve the plaque application as presented. Voice vote showed all in favor.

REPORTS

Melinda reported that a meeting with Laurie Engell is scheduled in January to discuss combining HPC activities with the encampment area at Rendezvous and sharing space. Janet suggested that consideration be given to somehow posting the schedule of HPC events to better inform the public. Melinda noted the HPC is going to need some supplies next year, including a canopy, which might qualify for funding under The Heritage Network and she will check into that.

Jim advised that he has been doing research for potential funding sources to do a historic district survey. He will continue to explore options including checking with Dave Keeley in Kettle Falls to see how they were able to complete their project.

Alan and the other members thanked Janet for her years of service and expressed appreciation for her contribution to the Commission.

Avrum felt that staff should try to keep in contact with all of the past HPC members to let them know that the Commission is still active. He suggested sending out meeting agendas and minutes. Melinda indicated that she currently maintains an email/ mailing list of recipients who have requested HPC information.

Janet presented a status report on The Heritage Network. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 19th, at the Colville Library Basement, at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:05 a.m.