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City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

December 16, 2016

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Committee met for a regular meeting on December 16, 2016 at City Hall. Russ Larsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Larsen, Avrum Baum, Muriel Meyer, Tony Harmon. MEMBERS ABSENT: CJ Wolfe. Two vacancies exist. STAFF PRESENT: City Planner RJ Keetch. RECORDING SECRETARY: Sydney Gilmore. GUEST PRESENT: Dave Harper, Building Official.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of August 19, 2016 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Russ Larsen suggested the word “notated” on page two, Section B, be changed to “noted.” Russ Larsen called for a vote to amend the minutes. Voice vote carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Bylaws

Muriel Meyer began the conversation in reference to the Draft Historic Preservation Commission Bylaws “Article 3- Organization of the Commission”. RJ mentioned a suggestion, made by City Clerk Holly Pannell, to strike the phrase “no more than seven” in Article 3 Section 1 of the bylaws in order to coincide with Ordinance No.1127. Avrum Baum made a motion to strike the phrase “no more than seven” from the draft bylaws and approve as corrected. Muriel seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Historic Register Application: R E Lee Co.

A Historic Register Application submitted by Patricia Ediger for the R E Lee Building was provided to the Committee prior to the meeting. Muriel Meyer noticed the renovation that was in process on location and questioned if the owners would be restoring the existing sign under the awning that is being removed. RJ Keetch brought Dave Harper, Building Official for City of Colville, into the meeting to discuss what is currently being worked on. Dave explained the only currently permitted work, through the City of Colville Building Department, was the roof and the awning. Dave was not aware of the owners restoring the existing sign under the awning. Avrum Baum suggested that when Downtown businesses decide to do restoration on their buildings, they include the Historic Preservation Committee. By doing so, this could ensure the integrity of the building is maintained and allow for suggestion or direction from the Committee. Russ Larsen reminded the committee there had been a business at this location before the R E Lee Co and wondered if there should be recognition for the preexisting business as well. Muriel suggested the awning be remodeled in regard to the year the building was constructed. Avrum asked that the owners of R E Lee Shoe Co., be invited to the next HPC meeting to discuss the upcoming changes. He also suggested contacting the State’s Historic Preservation Department to send representation to the next meeting and discuss the different avenues of obtaining grants or tax abatement programs for historic building

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owners. Avrum volunteered to contact this department and make the request. It was decided amongst the committee that more information needs to be gathered by the applicants, including correct dates and information on the business that was located in the building before R E Lee Co. Muriel made the motion to table the application and asked that the newly requested information be brought to the next HPC Meeting. Avrum seconded the motion.

REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Muriel moved and Tony Harmon seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 A.M.