

City of Colville

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

December 21, 2012

10:00 a.m. – City Hall

MINUTES

The Colville Historic Preservation Commission met for a regular meeting on Friday, December 21, 2012, at City Hall. Chairman Russ Larsen called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Russ Larsen, Alan Bedford, Terry Cripps, and Avrum Baum. MEMBERS ABSENT: Bruce Dietz and Tony Harmon. One vacancy exists. STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Planner Melinda Lee. GUESTS PRESENT: Don Birch. RECORDING SECRETARY: Susan Davis.

Terry Cripps was welcomed to the HPC as its newest member.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting of November 16, 2012 had been distributed to each member prior to the meeting. Alan Bedford moved and Avrum Baum seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Voice vote showed all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Order for plaques blanks.

Assistant Planner Melinda Lee advised that due to limited funds she was only able to order six (6) blank plaques. She reported that an application was received for a historic plaque for a residence. She felt more research is necessary to determine when the structure was built. Don Birch offered to assist in the research.

B. Rendezvous Committee.

Melinda reported that the Rendezvous Committee appears to be moving forward with plans for next year's event. The historic/encampment element is being encouraged. Melinda commented that HPC will need to decide what type of program to do next year.

C. Silverado Express article.

Melinda introduced Don Birch from the Silverado Express. Don stated he and Jim Lapinski had talked some time ago about doing a "on this day in history" type of column. He indicated further clarification is needed as to how involved the HPC members want to be in contributing to such a column. Don stated that was a very popular column in the Statesman Examiner in the past. For the Silverado Express, he felt it would be easier for him to take it on and go forward with it. HPC members recognized that they need to have a discussion and decide what type of program they could commit to. Don stated he would not pursue it until he hears from HPC.

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Russ Larsen asked Mr. Birch if he would be willing to publish photos of plaque awards in future editions of the Silverado Express. Don indicated a willingness to do so upon request. It was noted that he recently published all of the plaque recipients featured in the tour booklet.

NEW BUSINESS

Melinda Lee explained that she attended a session at the recent National Preservation Conference about how to get younger people involved in historic preservation. The presenters stressed that the most important thing to do is to make it fun. Young people are more interested in hands-on tasks. They aren't interested in a lot of research - so make it as enjoyable as possible. They like the idea of helping out with the physical aspects of a project such as renovating an old house. Terry Cripps suggested maybe the Jr. High/High School drama class would be interested in having students get involved with future re-enactments at Rendezvous – maybe for credit because it relates to local history.

REPORTS

Russ questioned whether there has been any other interest in the vacancy on the HPC. He stated people told him how much they liked the article in the Silverado Express but no other interest was expressed about joining the commission. Melinda advised that Barbara Harmon had expressed an interest but to date has not submitted an application.

Melinda reported that she purchased the book titled “A Field Guide to American Houses” for the HPC library. She stated she purchased a book at the conference on Sears home kits. She indicated a desire to see some research done to see if there are any Sears homes in the city. Melinda further reported that an event photographer hired for the National Preservation Conference published a photo of The Heritage Network booth to headline the conference.

Russ presented a brief report on the last meeting of The Heritage Network (THN). He confirmed that HPC has two voting seats on THN. The next meeting will be held in March 2013 at the museum.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, on a motion and a second the meeting was adjourned. Approximate time of adjournment: 11:20 a.m.