

Minutes of Meeting
Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
August 19, 2020
3:00 PM

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Walter Burns at 3:00 pm.

1. Opening Protocols:

There were no opening protocols

2. Roll Call:

Present were Vice Chair Walter Burns, Chairman Robert Singletary, Laurie Mauser, Courtney Beebe by phone, Resource Management Director Jody Bieze, Russ Brown, and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry.

3. Approve Minutes:

July 15, 2020 meeting minutes were put up for approval. Robert Singletary moved to approve the minutes, Laurie Mauser seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

4. Introduce Guests:

There were no guests in attendance.

B. Business (Action Items)

Extension Request Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between FHA, ISHPO, ITD, Kootenai County, Kootenai County HPC regarding Highway 41 Improvements

- a. Jody discussed the MOU that was signed in a previous meeting that now needs an extension. Laurie moved to have Robert sign for the approval of the extension. Walter seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Skip Fuller Proposal

- a. Walter Burns expressed in interest in the proposal and asked if anyone in the Commission wanted to move forward with it. Jody advised everyone that the FY21 Budget is no longer open for changes, so it will have to be submitted for FY22 by March of 2021. The Commission agreed that the proposal may be a good idea. They agreed to have a discussion to decide on where to go and how to approach the proposal. It will be kept on the table and the Commission will find out how to pursue it. Walter moved to explore opportunities and identify an

individual to pursue funding for the HPC. Robert seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Garden District Update

- a. Laurie stated the September 30, 2020 deadline is doable. Laurie stated that she will get a draft of the survey report from Sharon by August 31, 2020. Walter gave an update on the neighborhood. He explained that it is harder to get people to join in due to the ongoing pandemic, COVID-19. Laurie shared that she will follow up with Sharon to get the draft completed to be able to send it to Pete L'Orange with SHPO.

Romer/Hamilton House

- a. Walter gave an update on the progress of the Music Conservatory. He stated at this moment there is not a lot the Historic Preservation Commission is able to do. The Board of County Commissioners will meet at a later date to discuss what to do with the house.

FY20 CLG Grant Award

- a. Walter brought forward the possibilities of what has been discussed to use the grant money for. Laurie asked that Courtney to give more information on the Cougar Gulch possibility. Courtney stated that nobody has done any research to see if the Community Hall qualifies to be put on the historic register. She knows that it has been changed, so she wants to check with SHPO to make sure it qualifies. Laurie advised the commission that it would be best to wait until they gather the proposal to see if the project is doable with SHPO before they make any decisions.

Jennifer DeRose Advisory Board Application

- a. This item was moved to next month's meeting. Walter moved to add to the next meeting and go forward with interviewing her.

C. Open Floor

No items were discussed in Open Floor.

D. Adjourn

There being no further discussion of agenda items or public comment, Russ moved to adjourn the meeting; Robert seconded the motion. Vice Chair Walter Burns adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary