Minutes of Meeting
Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
August 22, 2019
3:00 PM

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Singletary at 3:03 p.m.

1. Opening Protocols:
   Russ Brown offered a prayer.

2. Roll Call:
   Present were Chairman Robert Singletary, Commission members Laurie Mauser, Walter Burns, and Russ Brown, as well as Resource Management Office Director Jody Biez, State of Idaho Historic Preservation Planner Pete L’Orange, and Recording Secretary Chandra Newberry. Joshua Gore and Jonathan Mueller were excused.

3. Approve Minutes:
   Laurie Mauser moved to approve 7/19/19 meeting minutes as corrected, Walter Burns seconded. The vote was taken. The motion carried.

4. Introduce Guests:
   Pete L’Orange was introduced as a guest.

B. Business

1. Garden District Grant - Discussion with Pete L’Orange (Action)
   Chairman Robert Singletary invited Pete L’Orange to open the discussion. He said had finally received the notice from the Parks Service, so the contracts were being executed on that end. He advised the committee that they were free to execute and proceed with their contract. Pete reviewed the timeline. Since there is a strict timeline on when federal funds can be used, they would not able to extend that timeline. The survey deadline would be no later than August 31, 2020. No draft was required, due to the staff restraints at SHIPO. Pete explained that they would like to be updated as things progress. A picnic date was broadly discussed and a tentative date on Tuesday September 17th was set. Pete also presented the SHIPO handout on the national register and the nomination process. Robert mentioned the Romer building to Pete. The group discussed the status of meetings with the Board of Commissioners and expressed their thoughts on the historic nature of the building. Robert shared with the group a previous conversation that he had with Pete on the topic, stating that it might be difficult to add the building to the register. Robert mentioned that the house is on Government lot 40, so it is a part of old Fort Sherman. Chandra Newberry advised the committee there would be a public meeting regarding the Romer house. Touring the inside of the house was briefly discussed, and Pete reminded everyone that interior can play a role in the National Register Nomination, but typically when they are looking at a building they have levels of importance. Robert spoke about the county’s needs and how they were incongruent with some resident’s concerns. Pete relayed how Boise made a local historic district for the apartment area in the city. Pete suggested that the commission should focus their efforts and involvement on the historic significance of the building and leave it to the neighbors to state their own concerns. Pete noted it meant walking a fine line between serving as a citizen commission in the county government and
becoming a neighborhood advocacy group. Robert stated that he is not sure if the commissioners have the appropriate view of the commission. Russ said that he was disappointed that the commission had not been invited to go inside the home. He also opined that he does not believe that the home cannot be moved. Robert asked Pete if he would be able to make it to the September 17th picnic meeting. Pete said that he would try to make sure someone from his office would be there.

2. **Pen d’Oreille City/ Steamboat Landing Nomination to National Register of Historic Places (Action)**

   Jody advised that SHIPO (State Historic Preservation Office) had sent a new packet for review. Laurie asked if there was anything that needed to be done with the packet. Pete said that, since it got moved to a different review board meeting, legally they have to send the packet out again. Since they have already noticed meetings and invited the public, it would be appropriate to send a letter to SHIPO reiterating their position.

3. **CDA Downtown Garden District Reconnaissance Survey Contract Award Sharon Boswell (Action)**

   Sharon’s contract isn’t signed yet, so the commission made a motion to award Sharon Boswell the contract. Russ moved to award the contract and Laurie seconded. The vote was taken; all were in favor, none opposed. A revised timeline was pending. The motion carried.

4. **CDA Downtown Garden District Reconnaissance Survey Project Timeline (Action)**

   Sharon was waiting on a revised timeline. The group agreed the revised timeline could be incorporated into the contract for Sharon if the board approved the revisions as discussed. Laurie moved to approve the revised timeline and Robert seconded. The vote was taken; all were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

5. **Proposed Norlyn-G Stealth Monopine FCC Project (Action)**

   Pete shared that this project was for a new cell tower that will be 75ft; Laurie said that she thought it was 90ft. Pete advised that things may have changed, but last he heard it was 75ft. The proposal was to disguise the cell tower as a tree. Laurie shared concerns that it would be the only pine tree in the neighborhood. It is proposed to be on 3rd St. just south of Harrison, outside of the County. Jody clarified, although it is not in the current survey district, they would acknowledge that an adjacent or future district would then have the same significance and that only this commission can review and provide comment to go back to the cell provider. The commission would be well within their right to be involved in the process, according to Pete. Laurie moved that they direct Jody to distribute it to other members of the commission for their review and comment for the next meeting. Russ seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Pete left the meeting at 4:00 PM.

**Open Floor**

Russ commented that he would like to take a look at the Romer building. Jody advised them to contact Greg Manley with County Buildings & Grounds.
D. **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion of agenda items or public comment, Walter moved to adjourn; Russ seconded the motion.

Chairman Robert Singletary adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

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Chandra Newberry, Recording Secretary