



Item: Appointment to the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

From: City Manager's Office

Initiated By: City Commission

Presented By: City Commission

Action Requested: Appoint one member to the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission appoint _____ to fill the remainder of a three-year term through April 30, 2017, to the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, public comment, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation: It is recommended that the City Commission appoint one member to the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission to fill the remainder of a three-year term through April 30, 2017.

Background: Historic Preservation Advisory Commission member Sara Burt passed away in April of 2015. Ms. Burt was appointed in May of 2014 for a term to expire on April 30, 2017. Therefore, it is necessary to appoint one member to fill the remainder of her term.

Purpose

The Historic Preservation Advisory Commission was created to promote the preservation of historic and prehistoric sites, structures, buildings and districts through the identification, evaluation and protection of historic resources within the County and City. This program is intended to promote the public interest and welfare by:

1. Enhancing the visual character of the City and County by encouraging preservation ideals;
2. Promoting the tourist industry of the City and County by encouraging the preservation of historically significant buildings and structures;
3. Fostering public appreciation of and civic pride in the beauty of the community and the accomplishments of the past;

4. Integrating historic preservation into local, State and federal planning and decision-making processes;
5. Safeguarding the heritage of the community by providing a system for identification and evaluation of historic buildings and structures representing significant elements of its history.

Members shall have expertise/qualifications in one (1) or more of the following areas: history, planning, archaeology, architecture, architectural history, historic archaeology, or other history preservation-related disciplines such as cultural geography or cultural anthropology. Ownership of property nominated to the National Register of Historic Places may also qualify a person to serve on this commission.

The HPAC consists of nine members -- four appointed by the City Commission, four appointed by the County Commission and the ninth member with professional architectural expertise chosen by a majority of the eight other members.

Evaluation and Selection Process

Advertising was done through the local media and on the City of Great Falls' website. One application was received.

Continuing members of this board are:

Carole Ann Clark (City)
Sandra French (City)
Paivi Hoikkala (City)
Kristi Scott (County)
Ryan Smith (County)
Kenneth Robison (County)
Kelly Parks (County)

Concurrences: At its June 10, 2015, meeting, the Historic Preservation Advisory Commission recommended the appointment of Ruthann Knudson.

Fiscal Impact: Not applicable.

Attachments/Exhibits: Recommendation and application (Not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)