

**Great Falls/Cascade County
Historic Preservation Advisory Commission**

**MINUTES from the
November 9, 2011 meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Milford, Jerry Clark, Carol Bronson, Kelly Parks, Ryan Forde, Jerry McKinney, Ken Robison and ex-officio members Joan Redeen and Judy Ellinghausen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Sievert and Carol Bradley

GUESTS PRESENT: Carol Ann Clark and Jane Weber

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Sievert

HPAC Chairperson Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12:00 in the Rainbow Room of the Great Falls Civic Center. Ken Robison moved to approve the October 5 minutes. The motion was seconded by Carol Bronson and passed unanimously.

REPORT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER: Ellen circulated a written report for October Preservation Office activities and discussed the progress of the Technical Assistance Program, and the Gibson Park/Vinegar Jones Cabin lighting. She also reported that the Downtown Master Plan was the subject of the City Commission work session October 4 and the Commission passed a resolution to adopt the plan at their regular meeting the same evening.

- The 2011 Christmas ornament featuring the Ursuline Centre is on the way to production;
- A thank you note from the Ursuline Centre was read for the letter of support for the successful grant request for Tourism Infrastructure Projects;
- Briefly reported on both the Downtown and National Preservation conferences;
- Efforts are underway to meet with the county, Monarch residents, MDT staff and Forest Service re preservation of the Monarch Depot.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A nominating committee comprised of Jerry McKinney, Kelly Parks and Bob Milford was approved by acclamation. They will present a slate of officers for the January 11 HPAC meeting to serve through 2012.

FORT SHAW

Ken Robison reported on efforts to create archival space in the History Museum for materials from the Sun River Valley area, including Fort Shaw, until such time that

appropriate archival storage space is created in the area. He also reported on the planned interpretive signage project. Randy Knowles has agreed to draft a Battlefield grant request for Fort Shaw.

GREAT FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Carol Bronson moved and Kelly seconded a motion to have the HPO set up a meeting with representatives from the HPAC and Cheryl Crawley, Superintendent of Schools and Jeff Gray, School Trustee, to make them aware of the historic schools and the need for a cultural & architectural assessment and to provide them with some options for care. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

The HPAC will not have a regular business meeting in December, but will come together for a Holiday Social. Time and place to be announced.

Respectfully submitted by
Acting Secretary Carol Bronson
HPAC