

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

**MINUTES from the
October 5, 2011 meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Milford, Jerry Clark, Carol Bronson, Ken Sievert, Kelly Parks, Jerry McKinney and ex-officio Joan Redeen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Forde, Ken Robison, Carol Bradley and ex-Officio member Judy Ellinghausen

GUESTS PRESENT: Phil Faccenda

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Sievert

HPAC Chairperson Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12:00 in the Gibson Room of the Great Falls Civic Center. Carol Bronson moved to approve the September 14 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jerry Clark and passed unanimously.

REPORT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER: Ellen circulated a written report for September Preservation Office activities and discussed the progress of the Technical Assistance Program, and the Gibson Park and 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.

Carol Bronson reported on the September 24th kick-off for the Ursuline Centre Centennial celebration, at which she represented the Preservation Commission.

Both Ellen Sievert and Ken Robison attended the annual CLG meeting in Missoula September 22. Ellen reproduced materials presented by National Park Service reviewer, Paul Lusignan, regarding National Register nomination criteria, statistics, process, errors and issues and circulated the copies to those in attendance. A discussion ensued about the NR process and the potential for successfully nominating both the Great Falls High School and the Vinegar Jones Cabin. The resources were weighed against the seven qualities that comprise historic integrity – location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. While both example buildings have suffered some loss of integrity, the HPAC members present felt that both could ultimately be successfully nominated.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.

HPAC's next regular meeting will be held November 9 in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by
Acting Secretary Carol Bronson
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