

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

**MINUTES from the
July 13, 2011 meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Milford, Jerry Clark, Carol Bronson, Carol Bradley, Ken Robison, Ken Sievert, Jerry McKinney, Joan Redeen, Kelly Parks, Judy Ellinghausen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Forde

GUESTS PRESENT: Cascade County Commissioner Jane Weber, Carole Ann Clark

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Sievert

HPAC Chairperson Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Ken Robison moved to approve the May 2011 minutes, Carol Bronson seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

REPORT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER: Ellen reported that the Convention and Visitors Bureau has agreed to provide a \$1,500 matching grant to pay for a new historic northside Great Falls walking brochure. The booklet will be 16 pages long. Advanced Litho was the low bidder.

The Vinegar Jones cabin underwent spring cleaning and carpenter Pat Cooper replaced the restored windows. Anderson Steel donated some stainless steel frames for security windows. Vandals have broken off the front door lever, however. HPAC members have discussed the possibility of recognizing donors at the site.

Ellen met with Kristi Scott, development director for the Ursuline Centre and HPAC members Carol Bronson and Ken Robison to discuss the centre's archives and artifacts.

Ellen contacted EPA Community Involvement Coordinator Wendy Thomi about the ACM Smelter and Refinery site. Currently there are no plans for a cultural resource survey for Black Eagle, but that could change. Wendy said the EPA would add HPAC as a community resource.

Ellen was a finalist for the second annual Paris Gibson award.

SUN RIVER VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: Ellen, Ken Robison, Bob Milford and Cascade County Commissioner Jane Weber were pleased to discuss their meeting with the Sun River Valley Historical Society to discuss the future of the former officers' quarters at Fort Shaw as well as oral histories and artifact materials pertaining to the Sun River Valley. Local resident Dick Thoroughman has a number of the materials, some of which date to the Indian War of 1867-1890. Two buildings were used for officers' quarters. One is being rented out; the other is unoccupied. The group discussed the possibility of storing the materials at the History Museum, with the caveat that if the Sun River Valley ever opened a museum of its own, the original materials would be returned. The Sun River Valley organization is seeking money to repair the roofs of the officers' quarters. Jane Weber has offered to help apply for grant money to provide signage at the officers' quarters, which are located northwest of the Fort Shaw school.

HPAC's next regular meeting is at noon September 14 in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by
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HPAC secretary