

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

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Milford, Jerry Clark, Carol Bronson, Carol Bradley, Ken Robison, Kelly Parks, Joan Redeen, Ken Sievert, Ryan Forde, Jerry McKinney

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Judy Ellinghausen

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ellen Sievert

HPAC Chairperson Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Ken Sievert moved to approve the February 2011 minutes, Jerry Clark seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**REPORT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER:** Ellen reported that over the last month she met with Peter Jennings, Dan Johnstone of Dick Olson Contractors to discuss stabilization work at the Boston & Montana Barn located on city property in Black Eagle. The Montana Preservation Alliance can allocate \$15,000 specifically for industrial projects provided they are completed by June. The barn was earlier scheduled to be demolished, but the city lacked the money to raze the building and now support is growing toward saving it. The barn is believed to date back to at least 1900. It is the only building remaining from the Boston & Montana Company, which pre-dated the Anaconda Co. (ACM) and it and the Black Eagle Community Center are the only remaining buildings on Smelter Hill that date to the era of the ACM Company, Ellen and Ken Sievert said. Dick Olson and Peter Jennings have offered to donate time and materials to help stabilize the building. Commissioner Jerry Clark suggested that federal Superfund money might also be available to help restore the barn.

Ellen also said she met with Suzanne Waring and Ben Forsyth, owner of Benjamin Moore Paints, to discuss the Methodist Church's Brother Van Museum project. Ellen also attended a meeting re: the future of the Rainbow Powerhouse; met with Cascade County Commissioner Jane Weber to discuss the HPAC and Preservation Office role in the county; and made arrangements for the April 4 Montana Main Street workshop titled "Simple, Effective and Appropriate Downtown Design Solutions." The state Montana Main Street program will pay for a rendering of the fire-damaged Rocky Mountain Building.

**HPAC PRESERVATION AWARDS:** Nominations are due for the annual preservation awards, which will be held May 15. The deadline for submitting nominations is April 8.

HPAC's next regular meeting is at noon April 13 in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carol Bradley  
HPAC secretary