

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

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

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ryan Forde, Warren Harding

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ellen Sievert

HPAC Chairperson Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Minutes from the January 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

**REPORT OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER:** Ellen reported that Preserve America came through with a \$21,500 grant to create a Technical Assistance Program to help property owners within the downtown historic district determine workable uses for their buildings. Combined with matching money, the total available for feasibility studies is now \$44,000. The cost of each single study will run about \$7,500. Contributing properties within the district are eligible. Ellen and city planner Brant Birkeland will attend a Preserve America grant workshop in Helena on Feb. 25 to learn more.

Ellen also met with Luke Walawander and War Shield Development to discuss possible National Register recognition for Hill 57, the area on the west side of Great Falls that served for years as home to landless Native Americans. State archaeologist Stan Wilmoth has expressed interest. Later, Ellen and board members Bob Milford, Jerry Clark and Ken Robison meet with Wilmoth, state Archaeologist Kate Hampton and National Register Coordinator John Boughton to discuss the idea.

Ellen and HPAC board members Carol Bronson, Bob Milford and Ken Sievert toured the city police station with Police Captain Dave Bowen. The PD is considering whether to remodel the station, which originally served as a Chevrolet assembly facility.

**HPAC BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS:** Commissioners Bob Milford and Ryan Forde have agreed to serve a new term on HPAC. Commissioner Warren Harding has resigned.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2011:** Commissioners approved a three-page list of goals. Among them are 1) continuing to help save the fire-damaged Rocky Mountain Building on Central Avenue; 2) find funding and create a new walking tour brochure for the historic Northside residential neighborhood; 3) execute the feasibility grants that will now be available for property owners downtown; and 4) help facilitate downtown revitalization, with Ellen chairing the Character Committee.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** HPAC voted unanimously to approve a grant application for its Certified Local Government. The money comes from the state Historic Preservation Office, which is required to set aside 10 percent of its federal funding for local governments.

HPAC's Preservation Award reception will be held May 12. Award recipients are still to be determined.

HPAC's next regular meeting is at noon March 9 in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by  
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HPAC secretary