

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

**MINUTES from the
June 13, 2012 meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Milford, Ken Sievert, Carol Bronson, Carole Ann Clark, Carol Bradley, Kelly Parks, Kristi Scott, Sandi French, and ex-officio member Joan Redeen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Forde, Ken Robison

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Sievert

HPAC Chairperson Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Kelly Parks moved to approve minutes from the April 2012 meeting. Carol Bronson seconded the motion and commissioners approved the minutes unanimously.

HPO REPORT: Ellen's activities of the past month included collecting design concepts and design charrette suggestions and preparing a written proposal to PPL asking for additional time to develop a plan re: the Rainbow Dam powerhouse. She assembled an advisory group to discuss the next steps of the powerhouse project. Ellen also met with attorney Bill Bronson to discuss creating a nonprofit organization to accept ownership of the Monarch depot from the state Department of Transportation.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Ellen has worked with the Montana State Historic Preservation Office to draft an extension to the technical assistance program contract. SHPO has offered the services of TIF specialist Janet Cornish to help with final reporting. Buy-sell agreements are pending for two buildings that were the focus of the initial feasibility studies. Three applicants are interested in the second round of funding. The city is obligated to have the program completed by the end of July.

GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL: Ellen said she has yet to review the nomination to place the school on the National Register of Historic Places. She met with the school district's task force on May 17 to discuss the ramifications of such a designation.

DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP BOARD: Commissioners discussed the makeup of the new board charged with overseeing the new Downtown Master Plan. HPAC will be represented one of eleven organizations represented.

CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOWS: Ellen met with SHPO staffer Kate Hampton about the possibility of having the city of Great Falls create its own craftsman bungalow district. SHPO drew up a potential district a number of years ago. Several commissioners expressed interest in the subcommittee being formed to explore a possible district, which Carol Bradley will chair.

HPAC's next regular meeting is at noon July 11 in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by
Carol Bradley
HPAC secretary