

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

**MINUTES from the
April 11, 2012 meeting**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Forde, Carole Ann Clark

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Sievert

GUEST: Former Commissioner Jerry Clark

HPAC Chairperson Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Ken Robison moved to approve corrected minutes from the March 2012 meeting (the original version showed Joan Redeen as being both present and absent; she was present). Carol Bronson seconded the motion and commissioners approved the minutes unanimously.

HPO REPORT: Among Ellen's activities of the past month was a meeting with Tom Figarelle and Mel Lehman from MSU and Cascade County Commissioner Jane Weber re: the possible repurposing of the Rainbow Powerhouse for MSU's energy program. Ellen also arranged for a tour of the powerhouse for 20 participants. Ellen commented on six telecommunication tower projects and provided city development code information re: toward placement. The Northside walking tour brochure was finalized and sent to the printer.

PRESERVATION AWARDS: HPAC members voted unanimously to give Preservation Awards to the following: 1) Public Drug owners Todd LePard and Jeff Jovick for their historic-looking new building on Central Avenue; 2) Rob, Gina and Ashley Forsberg for restoring the First Unitarian Church and parish at 309 4th St. N.; 3) Dr. Dale and Pam Schaefer for restoring the house at 606 5th Ave. N.; 4) Michael and Charlotte Chamberlain for restoring the house at 623 3rd Ave. N.; and 5) Highland Cemetery and the Great Falls Cemetery Association for repairing vandalized gravestones. The free reception will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on May 24, will feature a soup line.

VINEGAR JONES CABIN: Ellen said she would arrange a spring cleaning date for the cabin and also line up volunteers to man the cabin during Wednesday evening Municipal Band concerts this summer.

DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN: City officials plan to include HPAC on the permanent Downtown Master Plan board, Ellen said, rendering unnecessary an earlier plan by HPAC to request a seat at the table.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Carol Bradley
HPAC secretary