

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

**MINUTES from the
May 9, 2012 meeting**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Forde, Carol Bronson, Ken Sievert

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Sievert

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

HPO REPORT: Among Ellen's activities of the past month was a meeting with the Deputy Planning Director of Great Falls to plan for the completion of the Technical Assistance Program grant. Ellen attended an April 12 BID meeting, where she asked for additional match funding to complete feasibility studies through the TAP; BID agreed to provide up to \$10,000. Ellen also organized a design charrette re: the repurposing of the Rainbow powerhouse. She said Montana State University is very interested in using the powerhouse as a platform for a sustainable energy facility. Also, Ellen met with Great Falls school district administrators several times to discuss the ramifications of having Great Falls High nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. She said Superintendent Cheryl Crawley may ask Ellen to discuss the historic heritage of various city schools with school trustees.

PRESERVATION AWARDS: Commissioners discussed details of the May 24 Preservation Awards dinner. Instead of a soup line, the food to be served will contain "hidden gems" in keeping with the theme of the evening.

VINEGAR JONES CABIN: May 12 is the date set for the annual spring cleaning of the Vinegar Jones cabin.

2012 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT: Ken Robison moved and Kelly Parks seconded a motion to make Great Falls High School the subject of the 2012 Christmas tree ornament. The motion passed unanimously.

CRAFTSMAN BUNGALOW DISTRICT: Commissioners discussed the desire to begin exploring some way to recognize Great Falls' wealth of craftsman bungalows. Carol Bradley agreed to chair a subcommittee that will mull possibilities. Kelly Parks, Sandi French and Carole Ann Clark expressed interest in serving on the subcommittee.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Carol Bradley
HPAC secretary