

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

**MINUTES from the  
September 12, 2012 meeting**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Kristi Scott and Ryan Forde

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ellen Sievert

**GUESTS:** Kate Hampton and Kristen Moyle from the state Historic Preservation Office; Giles Salyer, city park and facility superintendent; city planner Galen Amy; Vista employee Bethany Salmon; Cascade County Commissioner Jane Weber; Deputy Planning Director Wendy Thomas; and architect Phil Faccenda

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

**HPO REPORT:** Ellen's activities of the past month included contacting the Society for Industrial Archaeology to discuss preserving the Rainbow Dam Powerhouse; meeting with PPL, which agreed to record and film the sounds of the powerhouse in operation; contacting Susan Wolff, the new head of the College of Technology, to discuss their interest in the powerhouse. Ellen also met with BID head Joan Redeen to help plan the Downtown Conference in Great Falls Oct. 24-26. The Technical Assistance Program is now completed.

**MONARCH DEPOT:** The Montana Department of Transportation is prepared to donate the depot and \$25,000 for its upkeep to Cascade County, which could then turn it over to a nonprofit group. Ellen has scheduled a meeting with county commissioners to discuss the issue. City Commissioner Bill Bronson has drawn up the 501(C) (3) documents a nonprofit group would need to oversee the depot.

**RIVERSIDE PARK BALLARDS:** Giles Salyer, Great Falls' park and facility superintendent, said the city lacks the funding to help replace 55 of the 89 ballards along River Drive. Grant money from the federal Community Transportation Enhancement Program would pay for \$82,877 of the \$95,000 required to replace the ballards; the city would need to pay the remaining \$12,123, but the park board opposed earmarking the money for that purpose, Salyer said. Salyer has one bid from a local company, Fagenstrom, to make new ballards. HPAC members suggested he seek more bids for the project, and deputy Planning Director Wendy Thomas suggested that Salyer request that the project be given carry-over status, which would increase its chances for receiving city money.

**CLG REVIEW:** SHPO's Kate Hampton complimented HPAC for its extensive list of goals and objectives and asked that members fill out an on-line survey about the commission's work.

**GREAT FALLS HIGH:** The Commission voted to recommend that SHPO approve the national register nomination for Great Falls High School.

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT:** Commissioners voted on a design of Great Falls High, which will be the featured subject of HPAC's 2012 pewter Christmas ornament. Artist Sheree Nelson created the design.

HPAC's next regular meeting is at noon October 10 in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by  
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HPAC secretary