

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

**MINUTES from the  
October 10, 2012 meeting**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Milford, Ken Sievert, Carol Bronson, Carole Ann Clark, Carol Bradley, Kelly Parks, Sandi French, Ken Robison, Kristi Scott, Ryan Forde

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ex-officio member Joan Redeen

**STAFF PRESENT:** Ellen Sievert

**GUESTS:** Cascade County Commissioner Jane Weber; Deputy Planning Director Wendy Thomas; city planner Ida Meehan; Vista employee Bethany Salmon.

HPAC Chairperson Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Ken Robison moved to approve minutes from the July 2012 meeting (amended to note that Ken was present last month). Sandi French seconded the motion and commissioners approved the minutes unanimously.

**HPO REPORT:** Ellen's activities of the past month included contributing information for a Downtown Historic Ghost Tour sponsored by the Downtown Chicks; meeting with Cascade County commissioners and Monarch residents to discuss the possibility of turning the Monarch Depot over to the county; attending the Certified Local Government meeting in Helena, at which she presented a powerpoint presentation highlighting the Great Falls-Cascade County program; and brainstorming with Wendy Thomas and Brett Doney about the Enterprise Loan Fund.

**GROWTH POLICY UPDATE:** Deputy City Planning Director Wendy Thomas and planner Ida Meehan led a session asking commissioners to list Great Falls' strengths and weaknesses and fill out a survey discussing the city's quality of life. The exercise is being repeated in various sectors to help guide the city's growth, development and services through 2025.

**CONFERENCES:** Ellen reminded commissioners of several upcoming conferences: the Montana Downtown Conference Oct. 24-26; the National Trust Conference in Spokane Oct. 31-Nov.3 – Ellen is on the roster to speak; and the first-ever Downtown Historic Ghost Tour Oct 26 and 27.

HPAC's next regular meeting is at noon November 14 in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by  
Carol Bradley  
HPAC secretary