

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

**MINUTES from the
April 10, 2013 meeting**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ryan Forde, Carole Ann Clark, ex-officio member Kristi Scott

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Sievert

GUESTS PRESENT: Vista employee Bethany Salmon.

HPAC Chair Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12 noon. Ken Robison moved to approve minutes from the March 13, 2013 meeting, Ken Sievert seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

HPO REPORT: Among other things, Ellen spent a considerable amount of her off time helping research and prepare the Brothel Tour, scheduled for April 19 and 20. She met with a loosely organized group dedicated to the revival of the Pantages Theatre in the Rocky Mountain Building, and oversaw the indexing of the blueprint collection in the Civic Center basement vault.

HISTORIC TROLLEY: Joan Redeen gave Ellen a memorandum of understanding between DGFA and HPAC re: HPAC's proposed investment in the trolley. If the investment is approved by the city attorney, HPAC would appoint one member to serve on the Great Falls Trolley Board.

MONARCH DEPOT: Ellen said MDT has started a market analysis to determine what MDT wants for the old depot. They're also looking at potential easements.

MONTANA MAIN STREET UPDATE: Joan Redeen reported that the state legislature was considering cutting Main Street funding for the state Department of Commerce. Commissioners discussed the importance of retaining funding for the program. As an aside, Ellen mentioned that Great Falls Downtown Development Partnership is operating under the Main Street format.

PRESERVATION AWARDS RECEPTION: The deadline for submitting nominations is April 25. Commissioners will hold a special meeting at noon May 1 to vote on award recipients.

HPAC's next regular meeting is at noon May 8 in the Rainbow Room at the Civic Center.

Respectfully submitted by
Carol Bradley
HPAC secretary