

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

**MINUTES from the
September 11, 2013 meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Milford, Sandi French, Ken Sievert, Carol Bronson, Carole Ann Clark, Kelly Parks, Ryan Forde, Kristi Scott, ex-officio member Joan Redeen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ken Robison, Ryan Smith

STAFF PRESENT: Ellen Sievert

GUESTS PRESENT: Craftsman Bungalow Committee Chairperson Carol Bradley, Cascade County Commissioner Jane Weber

HPAC Chair Bob Milford called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Carol Ann moved to approve minutes from the July 10th meeting, Sandi French seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously. Joan Redeen stated that the façade grant for the Rocky Mountain building was for \$61,250 and could be corrected in the minutes. New HPAC County appointee Kristi Scott has accepted the position as Secretary following Carol Bradley's dedication to the task.

HPO REPORT: Ellen reported that her new position as HPO is working out well although she is now on call 24/7. The Monarch Depot CTEP request kept her busy most recently. There are two different types of transportation enhancement grants and Kim Theil of the County was of great assistance with navigating these. MDT removed some dirt around the Depot and MNHG now has their 501 (c) (3). Ellen noted that the creation of the New Pantages Theatre Rocky Mtn building is now online. The Brothel Tours are being updated with additional material and the bar and restaurant portion of the Arvon building is scheduled to open October 19th. Developers are working toward LEED Platinum rating for the building in our city. It was suggested that this venue be considered for the HPAC Christmas party.

CRAFTSMAN DISTRICT: Chair Carol Bradley reported that both sides of the 1500 block of Central Avenue have been selected for the initial district. The committee plans to hire a consultant by the end of 2013 and preliminary research has begun. March 1st a professional will begin the survey and June 1st it will be completed. In the meantime a letter will be written to homeowners about the survey and a press release will be submitted to the Tribune.

HISTORIC TROLLEY: Bob reported that it was a great first year for the trolley with 1003 riders, some of them international. October 12th through November 9th there will be Progressive Dinner/Art Tours. The trolley is looking for docents for next year two days a week.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP: Joan Redeen reported that a 501 (c) (3) has been applied for. Ellen noted that CDBG would not be usable for feasibility studies at this time.

MONARCH DEPOT: Jane elaborated on Ellen's HPO report stating that the MNHG is applying for the TA grant in addition to the CTEP grant. If the MNHG is unable to obtain funding from the CTEP grant, they have also submitted a TA grant request. Commissioner Weber stated that the County bought the Depot for \$1,800 and MDT has been good to work with and that they generously gave \$25,000 to the County who in turn gave it to MNHG.

OTHER: Ken Sievert reported on the Sun River Valley Historical Society's meeting where an archeological study is being considered. The group is looking for professional recommendations. Historic tours of the Valley are of interest as there is opportunity for tourism and preservation in the area. Bob Milford went to site training in Billings and discussed at risk pictographs/petroglyphs. It was suggested that a tour of Bear Gulch/Atherton Gulch near Lewistown be discussed in the future.

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

Respectfully submitted by
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HPAC secretary