

Great Falls Cascade County

**Historic Preservation Advisory Commission
Minutes from the March 11, 2015 Meeting**

Members Present: Sandra French, Carole Ann Clark, Paivi Hoikkala, Kelly Parks, Kenneth Robison, Kristi Scott, Ken Sievert, Ryan Smith. Ex-officio members Carol Bronson, Joan Redeen, Jane Weber, Robert Milford

Members Absent: Sarah Burt

Staff Present: Ellen Sievert, Gregory Gordos

Guests Present: Ruthann Knudson, Brian Shovers, Fred Quivik, Richard Sterling, Phil Faccenda

Vice Chair, Paivi Hoikkala called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM & requested approval of minutes from the February meeting. Ken Robison so moved and Kristi Scott seconded; the minutes were unanimously approved.

HPO Report: The annual CLG Grant Request was completed and approved by the City. Ellen attended the Neighborhood Council #2 meeting to report on her discussion of the Holman Building on Bay Drive with Ken Holman. She also attended the Black Eagle TAG meeting.

Brief Update: There was a follow-up meeting February 26th on the Tourism Assessment & Heritage Area. After a lengthy discussion, Ellen reiterated that the HPAC will be organizing for the National Heritage Area and will form an ad-hoc committee to proceed onward.

Action Items: It was suggested that HPAC write a letter to the Great Falls School Trustees requesting that a Cultural Resource Survey of all schools be done, to document history, construction, materials and significance. Ken Robison moved that such a letter be sent, and Kelly Parks seconded; the motion passed unanimously. Phil Faccenda distributed a letter on the window replacement project at Great Falls High School.

Announcements/Other business/Public comment: Ellen introduced Brian Shovers and Fred Quivik, representing the Society for Industrial Archeology. They announced that the Society would be having a tour of industrial sites in Great Falls in October and asked for suggestions of places to visit, people to contact and venues for the opening reception, etc. About 100 participants are expected.

Dick Martin of the Ursuline Center sent a request for someone to serve on the Ursuline Board. There are 2 openings; Kelly Parks indicated interest. Bob Milford brought some copies of the new Sun River Valley Historical Society book, and the latest newsletter. The books sell for \$65. Ken Robison gave an update on the Mullan Road Conference May 22-24, 2015. A sign-up sheet was passed around for the March 27-29th Home & Garden Show booth. Ruthann Knudson urged everyone to support HR 581 before Congress to authorize a National Heritage Program. She also offered to be on the committee for the National Heritage Area, which will meet March 25th at JJ's at noon.

Next Regular Meeting: April 8, 12 PM in the Rainbow Room at the Civic Center.

The HPAC meeting adjourned at 2:30PM.

Respectively submitted, Carole Ann Clark