

**Great Falls Cascade County  
Historic Preservation Advisory Commission  
Minutes from the April 8, 2015 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Carole Ann Clark, Sandra French, Paivi Hoikkala, Kelly Parks, Kenneth Robison, Kristi Scott, Ken Sievert, Ryan Smith

**Staff Present:** Ellen Sievert, Lee Nellis, Gregory Gordos

**Guests Present:** Ex-Officio members Carol Bronson, Joan Redeen, Robert Milford; other guests Carol Bradley, Paul Filicetti, Ruthann Knudson

At 12 PM, Chair Sandra French called the meeting to order & requested approval of minutes from the March meeting. Ken Robison so moved & Ryan Smith seconded; minutes were unanimously approved.

**HPO Report:** Along with several meetings concerning National Heritage Area planning (including helping to plan the NHA display at the Home & Garden show), Ellen drafted a letter of support for the Monarch-Neihart Historical Group for a grant request to the Red Ants Pants Foundation. She continues working as a liaison with the Society of Industrial Archeology in preparation for their National Tour here.

**Brief Update:** Great Falls Schools proposal—a letter from the HPAC was sent to Superintendent Lacey & the Trustees urging the district to have comprehensive Cultural Resource Survey of all schools, and offering assistance in identifying appropriate consultants. There has been no response so far and a follow-up opinion column in the Tribune will be pursued. Preservation Awards—no Awards will be given this year; instead, the event on May 14th will highlight the National Heritage Area partnerships and celebrate those participants. The Preservation Players will entertain and educate guests in their inimitable way.

**Courthouse Roof Replacement Project:** Paul Filicetti of A & E Architects explained that by working with WIE of Chicago, the decision was made that the copper should be removed from the roof & replaced with a heavier 24 ounce, preserving the decorative details. The old copper would be salvaged & there is a possibility of the HPAC acquiring some for commemorative ornaments. The firms have been given a CTEP grant to move forward; the cost is estimated to be \$2.3 million. Before sending a letter of support, HPAC members are urged to read the entire report.

**Announcements/Other Business/Public Comment:** Carol Bronson reported the Secretary of State has approved the NHA proposal. The ad-hoc committee on the NHA will meet April 15<sup>th</sup> at JJ's at noon. Kristi Scott invited everyone to the Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art's annual art auction April 11<sup>th</sup>. Robert Milford said all are welcome at the Sun River Valley Historical Society meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM. In Fort Shaw. Sadly, Paivi Hoikkala told us that Commission member Sarah Burt has passed away. She will be remembered and honored at the Preservation Awards.

Ken Robison provided a link to the National Mullan Road Conference in Fort Benton in May.

**Next Regular Meeting:** May 13 in the Rainbow Room in the Civic Center.

The HPAC meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Carole Ann Clark, Secretary