

**Great Falls/Cascade County
Historic Preservation Advisory Commission
Minutes from the March 9, 2016 Meeting**

Members Present: Carole Ann Clark, Sandra French, Paivi Hoikkala, Ruthann Knudson, Kenneth Robison, Kristi Scott, Ken Sievert, Ryan Smith

Members Absent: Kelly Parks

Staff Present: Ellen Sievert, Gregory Gordos

Ex-Officio Present: Carol Bronson, Robert Milford, Joan Redeen, Jane Weber

Guests Present: Brad Livingston, Sheree Nelson, Richard Sterling

Acting Chair Ken Robison called the meeting to order at 12:05. Introductions went around the table after roll call. The minutes from the February 10, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

HPO Report: Planning continues on the Black Eagle/Smelter Hill project. The 2016-2-17 CLG Grant request has been finalized and submitted to SHPO.

Brief Updates: Greg has been working on funding for printing the Walking Tour Brochures. The BID will pay for 1/3 of the proposed costs. A request will also go to RTI. Central Montana Tourism voted not to give money for print media any more. Joan Redeen will look into designing an app, with Greg's aide. Two of the four brochures are already on the website, and the other two will be added in the future.

Upper Missouri River Heritage Area (UMRHA) welcomed Mary Sexton as a new ex-officio member; Randy Morger has resigned. The boundaries for the UMRHA have been expanded to start at the White Cliffs and end at the Gates of the Mountains. Plans are made for the Grand Tour II to be held on Friday, April 1. HPAC will donate some money for the room rental; the CMR Museum and JCCS will also contribute. Food will highlight the Missouri River area & include chilies made from bison, local chicken, & local vegetables. Ken Robison taped a Voices & Views airing March 26, and some radio PSAS are scheduled. The database for the electronic newsletter is growing.

Action Items: Ellen passed out the draft Goals & Objectives for the HPAC. After some discussion, the document was approved with a few small additions to the language.

Richard Sterling provided copies of the Cataract Mill Interpretation; Ken Sievert is drawing up a design with Richard for the interpretive display to go on the corner of 1st Ave. N & River Drive. It was suggested Richard talk to the History Museum about his money-raising going into their non-profit fund. Sheree Nelson brought several designs for the HPAC logo. She will re-work 2 of them and a final decision will be made at the April meeting. Brad Livingston spoke about the Chamber of Commerce desiring a deeper relationship with community entities, perhaps including a community development committee.

The Preservation Award Reception is May 26th. Winners will be selected at the April meeting from the nominations. Ryan brought samples of 2 options for the interpretative signs for the Vinegar Jones Cabin, and it was decided to go with the less expensive, replaceable Option B. Funding ideas were discussed.

Announcements/Other business/Public Comment: Ellen is retiring July 1st. It is imperative the city hire a replacement Preservation Officer. The Preservation Players will serve cake at the Charlie Russell birthday party March 19th. Great Falls is hosting the Montana Archaeological Society annual meeting April 15-17. Ruthann Knudson will be leading field trips.

Next Regular Meeting: April 13, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Carole Ann Clark, Secretary