

**Great Falls/Cascade County  
Historic Preservation Advisory Commission  
Minutes from the May 11, 2016 Meeting**

**Members Present:** Carole Ann Clark, Del Darko, Sandra French, Paivi Hoikkala, Kenneth Robison

**Members Absent:** Ruthann Knudson, Kristi Scott, Ken Sievert, Ryan Smith

**Staff Present:** Ellen Sievert, Gregory Gordos, Tom Micuda

**Ex-Officio Present:** Carol Bronson, Joan Redeen

The meeting was called to order at 12 PM by President Sandra French. After Roll Call & introductions (Del Darko was introduced as the new member replacing Kelly Parks), the minutes from the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented and unanimously approved.

**HPO Report:** April 19<sup>th</sup> is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act. To celebrate, the SHPO office produced and distributed playing cards with a different historic structure from each Montana county. Ellen passed out one pack to each member present. Talks continue with the owners of the Lithia building on 8<sup>th</sup> street and Central Avenue; they produced some possible architecture designs. Access to the River's Edge Trail on the South by Falls Construction may become possible.

**Brief Updates:** The Upper Missouri River Heritage Area board consulted with bordering county commissioners. Lewis & Clark is in favor of UMRHA, Choteau possibly, Fergus county is opposed. Discussions will continue. Greg is building an app for the City website for the new Northside Historic District; others are available as PDF's there. The River's Edge Trail brochure will be updated & reprinted; Central Montana Tourism is donating \$843 and the remaining \$650 may be available from the Planning Department printing budget. The Vinegar Jones Cabin interpretive signage will be complete soon, thanks to Ryan Smith & Ken Robison; the frames are in place. As a fundraiser, HPAC may sell "Rose's apple dumplings with vinegar sauce" from the cabin at the Lewis & Clark festival June 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. The "cabin committee" will check on permits.

**Action Items:** The Historic Preservation Officer position is yet to be determined. To encourage Cascade County to increase the contribution, people are invited to the budget work session at 9 AM May 23<sup>rd</sup> in the County Annex meeting room.

The Preservation Award Reception is May 26<sup>th</sup>. Food will be locally sourced; the public is invited to attend and honor the award recipients. The theme is "This Place Matters".

**Announcements/Other business/Public comment:** Bob Milford met with the board members of the Adams Stone Barn non-profit group. A flyer was passed around for the Kleffner ranch Vintage Market. On Friday, May 13, from 9-10:30 at the Dark Horse, the Downtown Great Falls Showcase will feature presentations on successful projects such as Electric City Coffeehouse, and opportunities for development. The public is invited.

August 10-12 the Western Planners Conference will be in Great Falls. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, Charles Flynn, the Executive Director of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area will present on National Heritage Areas and report on the efforts to establish one along the Missouri River. It's suggested that HPAC members attend this session and perhaps take a field trip to Fort Benton.

The next regular meeting will be June 8, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Carole Ann Clark, Secretary