

**Great Falls/Cascade County
Historic Preservation Advisory Commission
Minutes from the September 14, 2016 Meeting**

Members Present: Carole Ann Clark, Del Darko, Sandra French, Ruthann Knudson, Kenneth Robison, Kristi Scott, Ken Sievert

Members Absent: Paivi Hoikkala, Ryan Smith

Staff Present: Tom Micuda

Ex-Officio Present: Joan Redeen

Guests Present: James “Jay” Belew, Ellen Sievert

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 PM by Chair Sandra French, followed by Roll Call and introductions. Ken Robison moved and Ruthann Knudson seconded, that the minutes from the July 13th meeting be approved, after some corrections. Ruthann Knudson moved and Kristi Scott seconded, that the minutes from the special July 29th meeting be approved, after some minor corrections. Both were unanimously approved.

HPO Report: Each member got a copy of the July/August report from Tom Micuda, who commented on several of the items. He noted that HPAC members are welcome to attend the annual CLG meeting in Stevensville on September 22, which will be held before the Montana Historical Society Conference.

Update on County Solar Farm case: Since the approval of the two solar farms was ruled invalid, the HPAC will await further developments. Tom will work on getting an accurate map of the affected area.

Update on funding for HPO position: At present, there is \$38,000-\$39,000 available for the rest of this fiscal year (from city, county, and state funding), which would fund a full-time HPO. For the next fiscal year, \$60,000 would be needed for a full-time HPO. Tom Micuda is serving as our interim HPO.

Upper Missouri River Heritage Area Activities: The board will consider new tentative boundaries, as suggested by the boundary task force. Ken Robison organized a well-received field trip to Fort Benton for the Western Planner conference which met in Great Falls. Invitations to join the UMRHA will be sent to the Mayor of Cascade and Chouteau County citizens. The next meeting will be September 26.

Certified Local Government Program Responsibilities: In order to keep our status as a CLG, our HPO or a commission member must attend at least one authorized meeting a year. Tom Micuda will go to the meeting on September 22 (see above), which will fulfill this obligation. He will also invite Kate Hampton, the Community Preservation Coordinator for SHPO, to attend 1 HPAC meeting to discuss CLG matters. The HPAC must report all volunteer hours to SHPO. A timesheet will be created by Tom and provided to HPAC members.

Announcements/Other business/Public comment: Ryan Smith contacted Tom about possible resignation from HPAC. After discussion on the issue, HPAC recommended that Ryan go forward with this resignation. Members Sandra French and Carole Ann Clark, and former member Jerry Clark were honored by the Forest Service—Sandra for Historic Preservation and the Clarks for Site Stewardship monitoring. There is a new brochure for Fort Shaw, which will be celebrating its 150th anniversary next year.

Next regular meeting: October 12, 2016

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Carole Ann Clark, Secretary