

**Great Falls/Cascade County  
Historic Preservation Advisory Commission  
Minutes from the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Meeting**

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

**Members Absent:** Ruthann Knudson, Kristi Scott

**Staff Present:** Tom Micuda

**Guests Present:** Ellen Sievert

The meeting was called to order at 12 P.M. by Chair Sandra French. Ken Sievert moved and Carole Ann Clark seconded, that the minutes from the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved. The motion passed.

**HPO Report:** Tom Micuda elaborated on a few points. The City and County websites are now in agreement on HPAC membership information. More updating is coming on the Walking Tour brochures, possibly linking them all to the website. Two brochures, the Central Business Historic District and the Railroad Historic District, are out of print and will need to be updated before reprinting. Tom, Ellen Sievert and Ken Robison will review them. There was a discussion about perhaps putting them all into one pamphlet. Discrepancies on National Register Districts have been reconciled with the SHPO office. Tom will explore grant sources for Preservation Cascade per their request.

**Christmas Ornaments:** Sheree Nelson will email us with several designs of the Courthouse to choose from. We will request that a copper-colored ribbon be used on the ornaments. The manufacturer will put the descriptive inserts into the packages if we provide them. The order will be 350 numbered ornaments; further orders would not be numbered. Del Darko suggested asking the Belt Gallery to sell some, as the Visitors Center will be closed December and January. The ornaments will be sold at several places.

**County Solar Project:** the paperwork has been refiled; the new hearing will be November 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Tom brought in correct maps showing the overlay of the facility and the Great Falls Portage National Historic Landmark. There is indeed some overlap. The HPAC may send a new letter on our position to the County to get into the informational packet. Our members will be emailed maps and updates with the goal of meeting with Cypress Creek Renewables.

**Upper Missouri River Heritage Area Update:** The Boundary Taskforce will take 3 recommendations to the Board, which will make the final decision on the boundaries.

**November 9<sup>th</sup> Visit from Kate Hampton:** Members should let Tom know if they have questions for her.

**Replacement for Ryan Smith:** Ryan has officially resigned; the County will ask for applications. Members are encouraged to invite qualified people to apply. Some discussion ensued about possible people who might be good fits for the Commission.

**Brainstorm about Christmas Party:** The date for the Christmas potluck has been tentatively set for December 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup>. December 1 is the first choice. Possible locales are the CMR Museum, Collins Mansion or the Gibson House.

**HPAC Officers for 2017:** Paivi will not be available in 2017 & Sandi will not be able to continue as Chair. Ken Robison's term ends in April. A nominating committee will be formed in November.

**Announcements/Other Business/Public Comment:** Members were given the City handbook for Boards & Commissions. Del Darko has been appointed to KGPR's board & will host a monthly show on the

History of Great Falls & Cascade County. Ellen Sievert went to a National Register workshop: she encourages us to start working on adding more houses to our “Craftsman Bungalow District”.

**Next Regular Meeting:** November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

Respectfully submitted, Carole Ann Clark, Secretary