

IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

July 10, 2014, 12:00 p.m.
City Annex Building Conference Room
680 Park Avenue

Minutes

Attending: Renee Magee, Judy Mortimer, Christina Olson, Graham Whipple, and Julie Williams. Brad Cramer, Director, and Deb Petty, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes, June 5, 2014: Whipple moved to approve the minutes of June 5, 2014, as corrected. Mortimer seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Special Meeting for Review of 396 Park Avenue: Design review of 396 Park Avenue (Farmers Merchants Bank Building/Inkley's) was scheduled for Thursday, August 7, 2014. Packets will be sent out a week in advance.

Mayor and City Council Work Session Presentation: Williams will make a short presentation about the Historic Preservation Commission during the City Council Work Session on July 21, 2014, at 3:30 p.m. and members are welcome to attend.

SHPO Training: Mortimer would like training from SHPO. Williams said the organization underwent a great deal of turnover. She suggested waiting until fall to schedule training and tour the INL.

2014 Work Program:

- **Mid Century Modern Survey:** Magee identified some additional homes in Hughes Imperial Estates and Home Ranch that need to be surveyed. Keefer Addition doesn't need to be re-surveyed. She can complete the forms and take photos. Commissioners can review her work for comment/approval.
- **July Walking Tour:** Whipple presented a tour map. Wells Fargo Bank was not included on the map but he would like it included as part of the discussion. Tour guides include Magee, Fuller, and Whipple. A brief meeting will be held in Cramer's office at noon or 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2014, to complete any remaining details prior to the event.

Sign Code Recommendations: Williams commended Olson for her work preparing the "Justification of Recommendations" to the City of Idaho Falls Sign Code on behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission. The document was prepared in such a manner as could easily be adopted. Cramer said crafting the new sign code is a difficult process and taking longer than anticipated. He said a subcommittee consisting of City Council and Planning Commission members will begin meeting in early August. The document from the commission will be presented to the subcommittee for consideration.

2015 Work Program: Williams said the work program will continue to focus on the survey of Mid-Century Modern homes.

Roundtable Discussion:

- Cramer said the City of Meridian added QR codes to their walking tour brochure enabling anyone with a smartphone to listen to a history of each property. Planning interns could accomplish the same with the walking tour brochures provided by the commission.
- Whipple said while property managers for Happy's Restaurant, located in the old Montgomery Ward's building, found two Gothic arch windows and several period fixtures with replacements glass while cleaning the basement. The windows are approximately 6' x 8' in size with obscure glass. They have asked the commission to find a safe location or use for the windows.
- As part of the 2015 HPC Work Program, Whipple suggested crafting a formal brochure with the history of the Original Townsite. Former Commissioner Cheryl Cox is willing to assist with the project.
- Williams is seeking information concerning the naming of John's Hole Bridge.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Petty, Recording Secretary