

IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Thursday, August 6, 2009

Home of Stephanie Rose, 150 East 11th Street

Attending: Roxane Mitro, Chair; Julie Braun, Stephanie Rose, Nancy Boland, Shirley Chastain, Hereschell Mynarcik, Graham Whipple, Brenda Ringe Pace. Staff: Renee Magee.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes, May 5, 2009: Braun moved and Boland seconded to approve the minutes of May 5, 2009, as submitted.

Energy Efficiency Grant: Magee reported \$10,000 had been requested from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. As written, the funds could be used for publications, seminars, and exhibits. The Commission members discussed various ways to disseminate the information on energy efficiency and historic buildings to property owners: seminars with regional and national experts, written materials to be disseminated through utility flyers and other means, materials to be donated to the library, newspaper columns as a supplement to Van Ashton's column on energy efficiency, use of the City's website and alternatives such as Facebook, demonstration projects. Resources for such materials were also discussed and included the National Park Service website, the National Trust website, various regional experts on energy efficiency and repair of historic features such as windows.

Priorities and Goals: Magee asked about priorities for the 2010 work program of the Commission. Various National Register nominations have been discussed in the past, the downtown design guidelines have not been adopted nor does the Commission ordinance provide for design review, a mid-century modern calendar was approved in February, and now there is the grant possibility for education materials on energy conservation and historic properties. Braun suggested the Commission prepare a National Register nomination for the Lava-Basalt area, which was the first residential housing in Eagle Rock. Whipple will explore developing a page on Facebook or alternative to reach younger homeowners to discuss energy conservation and other issues. Magee will draft the work program to contain a National Register nomination for Lava-Basalt area and a mid-century modern calendar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Magee
Recording Secretary