

## IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Special Meeting

5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 19, 2010

City Hall Annex Conference Room

**Attending:** Graham Whipple, Chair; Julie Braun; Nancy Boland; Hersch Mynarcik. Renee Magee, staff.

**National Register Nomination for Downtown District:** Magee explained she had failed to revise the work program for FY 2009-10 and the nomination for downtown may be revised and submitted later this Fall. To spend the allocation of \$3,500 she had ordered reprints of the *Walking Tour of Historic Churches* and *A Walking Tour of the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Historic District*. The cost of these reprints and memberships and costs for the May tour should spend the grant amount.

**Work Program for EECBG.** Stephanie Rose drafted the brochure was inserted into the utility billing and the cost of the brochure was deducted from the grant. The remainder of the \$10,000 allocation may be used for a seminar on energy efficiency in older buildings as well as a reprint of the brochure or development and printing of additional brochures. There is a program on September 7 on energy efficiency in older buildings in Boise, Idaho. Julie Braun will be in Boise on that evening and will attend the program to see if the presenters should be asked to provide a similar program here in Idaho Falls. Graham recalled the Commission had discussed addressing siding, roofing, and windows as part of the energy conservation issues.

**Work Program:** Graham explained some of the responses on Facebook had asked for photos of historic properties in Idaho Falls. He had some photos. Magee also had photos. He suggested she e-mail her photos to Graham and he will place the photos on the Facebook page.

Mynarcik suggested a pdf file be developed for each house listed as contributing in the districts. The Commission could include the information we have on each home with a current photo. In addition a blurb is needed on the role of the Commission. The Commission could also include a survey asking why you bought your historic home, are you considering remodeling, and are you interested in a workshop on restoring historic homes.

Magee suggested there may be a small district surrounding Salvation Army. Most of the homes in the immediate area have their original siding and have retained the original wood windows.

The need for greater signage at the historic districts was mentioned. The street signs are very good but a sign announcing entering a district may help advise home owners their homes are unique.

The mid-century modern calendar is a tool to explain to owners of 1950's and early 1960's homes that their homes are becoming historic and have special features they may wish to retain. Work on the calendar should continue. There is a new architectural historian at the site and she is very excited about the mid-century homes she is finding in Idaho Falls. She would be a good resource to identify homes for the calendar. Boise has a brochure which has done a good job of

explaining the key features of mid-century modern.

**Brunt Building:** The chair of the Idaho Falls Redevelopment Agency has asked if the Commission members are able to document the Brunt Building and the Messick building prior to their demolition. The Commission members asked for a walk-through of the buildings this Fall and any research done such as the Phase I prior to committing to documentation.

**Miscellaneous:** Mynarcik requested time in September to discuss the conference of the National Preservation Alliance in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Renee Magee, Staff