

## IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

December 2, 2010

Noon

City Annex Building Conference Room  
680 Park Avenue

Attending: Nancy Boland; Julie Braun; John Hart; Roxane Mitro; Hereschell Mynarcik; Stephanie Rose; and Graham Whipple. Renee Magee, and Debra Petty, staff. Melinda Randol, interested citizen.

Call to Order at 12:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mitro, seconded by Braun to approve the minutes of November 4, 2010, as presented.

Discussion of Workshop/Brochures on Energy Conservation: Magee said a workshop by John Leeke will cost approximately \$4,500, including an evening lecture and Saturday workshop. To save money, he is willing to stay with a commissioner. Boland offered her loft as an option for cutting expenses. As the event is funded by an energy conservation grant, he will cover historic windows and energy conservation, construction of an interior window panels, and window glazing. The weekend of January 29, 2011 and February 12, 2011 are options for the event. The grant monies must be allocated prior to December 31, 2010. The commission is in favor of the weekend of February 12, 2011.

Whipple thought it worthwhile to explore the possibility of Leeke covering metal windows. Braun believed narrowing discussion to wood windows was limiting as there are a number of window types. Flyers advertising the event should be distributed beyond the numbered and lettered streets. Magee said Leeke is geared toward wood windows. Whipple believes the concepts are just as applicable to other window types. There are a number of topics to cover on energy conservation such as weatherization, weather stripping around doors and thresholds, windows, chimneys and attics, and vent penetration. Rose said the home they are renovating will be available for instruction/demonstration purposes as part of the event.

The total grant is \$10,000, of which \$1,200 was used for a utility billing insert. Funds will remain after the cost of the workshop for additional pamphlets or other printed material. There will be an additional one-day charge of \$700 if Leeke brings his own examples of repair work.

Magee will forward details of the event to Ann Swanson. Eastern Idaho and western Wyoming can be targeted for greater participation. A limited number of attendees will actually participate in the "hands-on" portion of the workshop, but a larger group could observe only. Reservations will ensure participation by serious preservation-minded individuals who may be willing to be a resource to the community. One incentive to attend is the preparation of a historic preservation preferred list of contractors trained at the event. Mitro is willing to make personal contact with contractors to target those who may have interest in preservation. Magee will determine a reasonable turnout, the requirements for a venue, and needs of Leeke. Boland will provide accommodations for Leeke Thursday through Sunday.

Miscellaneous: Whipple suggested refocusing as a commission. He senses a lack of support for preservation efforts by city administration. Although there is measurable success by the commission, they currently face a number of hurdles. His desire is to present a unified vision and purpose for the group. Braun's frustration is effort is focused on the downtown and there is so much more to preservation. Her love is mid-century modern architecture and noted there are a large number of such buildings within the community that are still intact. Now is the time to take steps by becoming experts in this type of architecture. The commission should be forward thinking and plan for future preservation needs. In Georgia, ranch house evaluation guidelines are being developed. She also noted the value of the Bel Aire subdivision. Boland expressed her desire for more of a balance between downtown commercial buildings and residential neighborhoods. She wants to target the real estate community. Hart wants to utilize modern technology and social media to connect with citizens who are interested in the preservation movement.

Braun suggested focusing on efforts to energize the commission. She wants to take a more proactive approach rather than a reactive as they were in 1969 with the total demolition of original Eagle Rock. Rose suggested a mid-century modern tour to create visibility for the commission. By educating and teaching the value of preservation now, the public will naturally move in that direction. Magee said if the commission wants to educate and inform citizens and realtors about mid-century architecture, a calendar is a great tool and was a good venue for generating interest in real estate community. The commission could select mid-century modern residences and make available a 15-month 2012 calendar to the public highlighting these properties.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 1:10 p.m.

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Debra Petty, Recording Secretary