

IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

January 8, 2013

12:00 p.m.

City Annex Building Conference Room

680 Park Avenue

Minutes

Attending: Julie Williams, Roxane Mitro, Loretta Evans, Stephanie Rose, Dina Sallak, and Kim Smith. Renee Magee and Debra Petty, staff.

Call to Order at 12:08 p.m.

Minutes: December 6, 2012. Mitro moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2012. Motion seconded by Evans. Motion Passed.

Timesheets for National Trust Conference: All timesheets have been submitted.

Mission Statement: Motion by Mitro to adopt the purpose of the Historic Preservation Commission as found in the City Ordinance creating the Commission, Title 2, Chapter 11, as the mission statement for the Commission. Motion seconded by Mynarcik. Sallak said recent discussion indicated there are several who want to move outside the role of education. Focusing on one item prevents a loss of energy or entering into discussions that are pie in the sky. After further discussion, the Commission decided a motion is not necessary for the mission statement if there are no changes to the statement found under Title 2, Chapter 11, and no action was taken.

Goals for Commission: Magee asked members to write down what they believe the focus of the commission should be for the next one to two years on index cards. The responses indicated most of the Commission members listed survey. After discussing the responses, Williams noted survey should be the primary focus of the Commission. A survey of Mid-Century Modern homes will result in a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, provide educational opportunities for members and the public, and be the basis for a brochure, calendar, and public tour of Mid-Century Modern. Magee said the process Williams is outlining is similar to how the Commission approached Ridge Avenue and 11th Street Historic Districts. A survey is done, a nomination is prepared, and the brochure, calendar, and tour are done in tandem. Williams said the goals are sizeable and will take a year or more to complete.

Williams asked Magee if there is a conflict of interest if a Council member sits on the Commission. Magee replied it can complicate discussions and will be a conflict if a demolition ordinance is passed; however, the support of a public figure does often help the Commission reach their goals.

Williams said the national and regional contexts are in place for a historic context for Mid-Century Modern homes. A survey can begin without a local context. The Commission knows the different styles, elements of each, and the neighborhoods to survey. Criteria for a "windshield survey" can be discussed at another meeting. **Mitro moved to complete education through the National Register process, including a survey of Mid-Century Modern exteriors, and completing a brochure, calendar and tour as time allows. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion passed.** Smith asked about homework and Magee suggested the State Historic Preservation website is a great resource.

Elections: Mitro moved to hold elections, Smith seconded the motion, and it passed. Mitro nominated Julie Williams as chair. Williams nominated Whipple as chair. Mynarcik suggested closing the nominations. The commissioners voted in writing. Williams was elected chair, and Whipple was elected

vice-chair. Petty will send an updated roster to Ann Swanson.

Miscellaneous: The next Historic Preservation Commission meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2013.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Debra Petty, Recording Secretary