

# IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

February 2, 2012

Noon

City Annex Building Conference Room  
680 Park Avenue

Minutes

**Attending:** Julie Braun, Loretta Evans, Stephanie Rose, Kim Smith, and Graham Whipple. Renee Magee, and Debra Petty; staff.

**Call to Order at 12:05 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Braun, seconded by Rose, to approve the minutes of December 1, 2011 with corrections to John Platz and Don Peting's names. Motion passed.

**Design Review for Community Development Block Grant Funding; Façade for Former Rio Theater:** As the applicant was not present, the commission unanimously agreed to postpone the review of the request for grant monies for the façade of the theater. Rather than using a regularly scheduled meeting, Whipple prefers holding a separate meeting for such reviews and would like the commission to convene twenty minutes prior to the meeting to prepare.

Rose shared access information to the new consolidated website for the National Parks Services Technical Review. It is the source for all things related to preservation and should be included under resources in the *Idaho Falls Downtown Design Guidelines*. Whipple will make the addition upon receipt of the electronic file. He said the *Idaho Falls Downtown Design Guidelines* were never approved by ordinance, but the Commission is able to use them as a benchmark for review of façade improvement applications for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.

Braun questioned whether the Rio Theater is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Magee said it is not listed as contributing in the nomination but the CDBG program requires review by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for any building over forty years in age.

**Pilgrim's Progress Proposal:** Magee received the quote from John Platz for a comprehensive workshop on weatherization and repair of old windows in the amount of \$4,600. Braun said the original idea was a team endeavor by Don Peting and John Platz. Magee said the quote is from Pilgrims' Progress: she did not know if Peting was included. The question before the Commission is whether to spend remaining energy grant monies for another workshop on windows or plan other educational programs. It was the decision of the group to forgo a workshop by Pilgrim's Progress. Fred Walters was suggested as a possibility. He is an historic architect who has worked with the Idaho Heritage Trust.

Any workshops should be kept simple due to limited time of staff and members. After much discussion, the Commission decided to offer a series of educational workshops. This could be accomplished by members with expertise in a particular area. Three ideas were: a tour of mid-century modern homes; energy efficiency in older homes; a presentation by Julie Braun on mid-century homes, and a presentation by Loretta Evans on researching historic homes. Details regarding topics, location with handicapped accessibility and marketing will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Miscellaneous:** Petty will prepare binders for all new commissioners.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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Debra Petty, Recording Secretary