

IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting, April 2, 2015
Noon, Annex Conference Room

Minutes

Attending: Renee Magee, Rox Mitro, Hersh Mynarcik, Christina Olson, Krisi Staten, Graham Whipple, and Julie Williams. Staff Brent McLane, Current Planner, and Debra Petty, Recording Secretary. Tom Nance, visitor.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Whipple moved to approve the minutes of March 3, 2015, as presented. Mynarcik seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Olson moved to approve the minutes of March 19, 2015, as amended. Whipple seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Walking Tour: Williams said the walking tour of the Original Townsite is schedule for Saturday, June 27, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The format of the tour will be the same as the previous tour. Whipple noted the tour covers Spud Alley to the Library, Ridge Avenue, and the Cliff, Basalt, and Lava streets area. Magee will locate the map station at one of the pavilions in the parking lot behind Chesbro's. Whipple's would like Reggie Fuller to be spokesperson for the Ridge Avenue neighborhood and see if Stephanie Rose is willing to open the home she is renovating on Ridge Avenue to the public, or explain the process for restoration of an historic property. A spokesperson will be stationed near the corner of Cliff Street and Chamberlain Avenue. Magee will contact Cheryl Cox to confirm her availability to assist with that portion of the tour and ask Fuller to conduct the Ridge Avenue portion. Whipple will contact Rose. Magee suggested walking the route before the event. Whipple has a paper copy of the original route map for use.

Walking Tour Brochure: Magee said the walking tour brochure needs to be ready by the end of May. Whipple has time to layout the context into brochure format but needs the information from Olson or Smith. Olson turned the materials for the context over to Smith because her schedule is booked until the end of May. Whipple expressed concern about the time frame for printing the brochure and if funds are available. McLane said money is available for the walking tour. Olson contacted Holly Dasher, Compass Academy, to see if her students would help with the brochure. Ms. Dasher's students did the context for the lettered streets. Ms. Dasher said it is possible, but must have the context within the next two weeks. The school offers a web design course. Some of her students may be able to work on the QR Codes and create the website linking the codes to the brochure. Whipple said the students could begin the framework with one or two layout samples including the QR Codes. He would like them to link to the Sanborn maps, Ridge Avenue, and the Original Townsite. Whipple will contact Ms. Dasher and discuss the details.

Farmer's Market Booth: The Commission has use of the non-profit booth at the Farmer's Market on June 13, 2015, and June 20, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mynarcik said booth space at the market is limited to a card table and a couple of chairs and at least two people should man the booth. The City has folding tables available. McLane will make a banner with the logo. Whipple will create a flyer for the Farmer's Market in tandem with the layout of the brochure. He will have a draft of each ready by the June meeting. Magee said the deadline for the Post Register advertisement is June 9th. Details will be finalized at the May meeting.

Work Program: Williams said more work is needed to complete the survey. Olson believes it can be finished in a day because it is mostly data entry. Williams said State Architectural Historian Tricia Canaday visited Idaho Falls last week. Canaday said Microsoft Access is needed for data entry. She told Williams to contact Belinda Davis for help with entering data in the State database.

Roundtable Discussion:

1. Olson asked if there is a Foundation for the Commission to accept donation and membership funds. Whipple said when Shirley Chastain worked for Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation the funds were managed through the Idaho Falls Downtown Historic Foundation. Magee said the City is a non-profit. The issue is getting a budget line item to handle money coming in and going out. Staff would need to discuss the possibility with City Controller Thane Sparks.
2. Magee dropped off a letter, per Mitro, to Jake Clark, Channel Blend, regarding resources for addressing the overheating in the historic Kress building. He is being encouraged to find a solution without compromising the integrity of its historic elements.
3. Tom Nance assisted Kristen Bullock, Post Register, with the article “How to Research Your Home”. Nance’s home was highlighted in the paper. Magee will contact Ms. Bullock about featuring Mynarcik’s home.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Petty, Recording Secretary