

**IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

September 6, 2012

4:30 p.m.

City Annex Building Conference Room  
680 Park Avenue

**Attending:** Graham Whipple, Julie Braun, Roxane Mitro, Stephanie Rose, and Dina Sallak. Renee Magee, staff.

Whipple called the meeting to order at 4:40p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Mitro, seconded by Williams, to approve the minutes of June 7 and June 18 with the correction that Stephanie Rose was in attendance at both meetings..

**Mid Century Modern Open Houses:** Over one hundred people attended the open house at 4012 South 5<sup>th</sup> West, the home designed by Art Troutner and listed as part of a National Register district. Approximately sixty visited the open house at 460 9<sup>th</sup> Street, the home designed by Sunberg and Associates. The Commission discussed continuing to partner with the realtors. The presentation given by Whipple at the Board of Realtors was very successful. A list of topics for realtors was discussed as well as presentations for similar groups such as the Board of Women Realtors. Over the winter, the Commission will develop a brochure on Mid-Century Modern homes in Idaho Falls and include the most popular types found in the area. The brochure can be distributed to realtors. The contact for the realtors is Tina Miller.

**Presentation at Museum of Idaho.** The presentation on European history is being given at the Museum this evening.

**CDBG Design Review.** Whipple will draft a letter to Keith and Nathan Kennedy concerning the design for the former Rio Theater. The letter will summarize the meeting of June 18, and a copy will be sent to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

**Request from Preservation Idaho.** Preservation Idaho has asked if the Commission is interested in assisting with the Orchids and Onions ceremony on May 18, 2013. If so, the venue will be Idaho Falls rather than Boise. Shirley Chastain has contacted Trinity Methodist Church. The Museum of Idaho is another possible location. The program may have a luncheon and tour. Ideas for the tour were Idahoan Foods, ARTI building, 313 North Water Street, and other properties in the vicinity of the location for the ceremony. Whipple will contact Preservation Idaho with a list of questions about the program and its needs. A self-guided tour is also a possibility.

**Minnie Hitt House.** A Commission member has been informed the First Presbyterian Church has plans to demolish the Hitt House within two to three years. The Commission briefly discussed an historic preservation ordinance with a demolition clause. Some of the residents in the area may wish to pursue such an ordinance.

**Next Meeting, October 4, 2012.**

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Renee R. Magee, Recording Secretary