

## IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 4, 2010

Noon

City Annex Conference Room  
680 Park Avenue

**Attending:** Nancy Boland; Julie Braun; Roxane Mitro; Hereschell Mynarcik; Stephanie Rose; Julie Ulrich; Graham Whipple. Renee Magee, and Debra Petty, staff.

Call to Order at 12:10 PM.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Braun, seconded by Mynarcik to approve the minutes of January 7, 2009, as presented.

Annual Tour: The historic walking tour is scheduled for May 22, 2010. Participants will congregate at the O. E. Bell Building, doors open at 9:30 a.m. and, they may enjoy various displays and light refreshments while waiting for the tours which begin at 10:05 a.m. Cox is compiling a history of the old Eagle Rock area south of Broadway Street to Lava Street and, will design a brochure for the event. Whipple would like to have a tri-fold brochure that covers the existing downtown, what once was the downtown, and the Eagle Rock residential area. He will draft a brochure for discussion at the next meeting.

Generally, the route is as follows: From O. E. Bell to the ARTI Theater; on to the HUB and/or American Family Insurance Building; a small portion of Park Avenue; then on to the public library for displays and a short break. From the library the groups will proceed to the old Eagle Rock area; from Cliff Street across the tracks to North Water; final stop at the Mynarcik residence on Walnut Street directly across from the O. E. Bell building. Magee suggested going to Ridge Avenue would present Reggie Fuller an opportunity to cover the architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright.

Braun and Cox will spend more time on history than architecture. Braun said effort was made in the 70's to preserve the Eagle Rock neighborhood, but the area is once again in danger of being lost to redevelopment. It is hoped the tour will stimulate interest in preserving the most valuable structures in that neighborhood.

Magee will contact staff at the library to arrange for a room/display area for Saturday, possibly Friday, and find aerials of what existed in 1965 of Eagle Rock. Mynarcik will check the museum for old photos. Petty will make sure the planning display panels are available for displays. Whipple will contact the Marriott Library at University of Utah for digitized copies of the Sanborn maps. Boland will provide bullhorns.

February Utility Billing Flyer: Magee presented a copy of the flyer to members that did not receive a copy. Rose did a great job and, struck a chord with Idaho Falls Power according to an article written by Van Ashton. Future newsletters could include re-siding, things to consider when re-roofing your home, and embodied energy. Braun suggested landscaping for energy efficiency.

Rose related some of the dangers experienced by homeowners in the numbered streets, where the setbacks are minimal and neighbors did not consider how certain changes/improvements to their homes would affect others. Whipple said many safety concerns experienced by property owners in the grandfathered neighborhoods fall under zoning and may be worth changing the ordinance to deal with safety issues.

Energy Grant: Historic Preservation Commission received \$10,000 of the energy grant monies awarded the city to be used for a brochure or handbook, a couple of newsletters, and workshop/training. Rose suggested having an expert demonstrate proper restoration of old wood windows for homeowners.

Downtown National Register Nomination: Braun reviewed the nomination for Twin Falls and noted the large number of 50's buildings that were modified, but their downtown received listing on the National Register. She believes with some modifications the nomination will be approved.

Miscellaneous: Mitro said Chastain will consider serving on the commission, and she is will contact Mick Ohman, Attorney, and Greg Crockett, Attorney, to see if they will consider serving on the commission. It is important to have legal expertise when doing design review.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 1:10 PM.

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Debra Petty, Recording Secretary