

IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 7, 2010

Noon

City Annex Building Conference Room
680 Park Avenue

Attending: Nancy Boland; Cheryl Cox; John Hart; Roxane Mitro; Hereschell Mynarcik; and Stephanie Rose. Renee Magee, and Debra Petty, staff.

Call to Order at 12:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mitro, seconded by Hart to approve the minutes of September 2, 2010, as presented.

Update on Façade Grant Requests:

1. The EICAP (Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership) building at 357 Constitution Way, called Constitution Plaza by the new owner, was authorized \$60,000 in CDBG monies by Idaho Falls Downtown Development Corporation. This is unique in that funds are generally limited to \$30,000 per building per fiscal year.

SHPO requested additional information from the architect, as they noted a discrepancy between the submitted photos and the conceptual drawing for the project. The north facing, upper-level, metal windows were to remain but did not match the architect's rendering. SHPO requested a revised drawing.

2. Kevin Cutler is meeting with Lisa Farris, Grant Administrator, to discuss the west face of his building. Funds were allocated in 2007.
3. Janet Jack of the Antique Gallery was awarded grant monies for a structural engineer for the stairwell. She believed the cost of the stairwell would be \$4,000 to \$5,000. The first bid came in at \$29,000. She has not contacted the Planning/Building department since and Farris is trying to make contact.
4. The Rio Theater has not been submitted to SHPO for historic review for federal grant funding.

EECDBG Grant: Workshop, Brochures, Where do we go from here?: The Historic Preservation has \$10,000 in grant monies that must be spent by March/April 2011. Magee will contact Julie Braun, Fred Walters, and Ann Swanson to initiate the process for a hands-on workshop for the repair and maintenance of windows. Robert Young, professor, University of Utah, noted that windows are only 14% of residential heat loss, but takes approximately 40.2 years to "pay back" a switch-out from wood windows to vinyl clad. Older commercial buildings are more energy efficient than new commercial buildings, but is just the opposite for older residential homes. John Leeke with Johnson Brothers is willing to present a workshop for the community and Rose is willing to open her home for a tour prior to the actual workshop. The tour would inform attendees about options for window replacement. In addition, they can Google "Saving America's Windows". Boland has accommodations available for out-of-town instructors/experts for the workshops.

Cox explained Mr. Tyler Moore at 365 Capital is undergoing some maintenance/renovations and contacted her for input as to the historic character of the building. She wondered if such a workshop will benefit him. Magee encouraged members to direct property owners to the National Trust website or the building official. If a homeowner, the booklet by Mitro is a resource..

Mitro said Idaho Falls is becoming known as "Metal-Roof City" with the older homes on the numbered streets. She suggested including roof replacement as part of the workshop. Rose said she has had complaints from neighbors and it is an issue of safety as well as aesthetics. She said a handicapped neighbor is faced with removing snow from his driveway that sheds off the neighbor's roof. Folks should be educated about the dangers of metal roofing. Mitro said many homeowners' are enticed by never having replace their roof again, but they purchase inexpensive

product that will not last.

End of Year Report and Grant Application: Magee included a copy of the report and grant application in the packet. She submitted the revision of the nomination for downtown for the main work project. The May tour is part of the work program as well as travel.

Miscellaneous: Mynarcik attended the National Alliance for Historic Preservation conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The National Trust conference (held the fall every year) is in Austin, Texas the last week of October. Magee said, if members are interested in attending the conferences, the registration for the National Trust is paid from one year's budget and travel costs out of the following year's budget. SHPO used to holds a conference in the spring. Preservation Idaho has been holding a conference in the fall in Boise the last two years.

Mynarcik said the conference in Grand Rapids focused on a number of multiple-story office buildings that incorporated retail shopping. The buildings were constructed during 1912/1915 period. Due to the Chicago fire, the town grew quickly, as there was an abundance of lumber. It is home to Amway Corporation, a large contributor to the city. Problems in the downtown are similar to what Idaho Falls is experiencing.

Mitro said SHPO scheduled a tour of historic homes from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on October 10th or 17th in Boise. She will confirm via email.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 12:55 p.m.

Debra Petty, Recording Secretary