

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
April 18, 2016
4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Don Belvoir, Ann Curtis, Pat Townsend, Chuck Kinney and Marcia Gray
Members Absent: Lee Nelson and Linda Williams
Staff present: Ray Wickersham and Denise Rueschhoff

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Gray made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2016, as written. The motion was seconded by Townsend and passed by unanimous voice approval.

COMMUNICATIONS

Curtis addressed the Commission regarding a workshop by IAM to be held in October, 2016 in Wallace, Idaho. This workshop will center on how to bring in more tourists. This certainly may be something that a couple of people would benefit from attending. Belvoir asked if he was understanding correctly that money could be obtained from the CLG grant to help defray conference expenses. Would the city dedicate any money to help send us? Curtis and Gray affirmed that yes, some funds are available through the avenue of the CLG grant. But more information is needed so that a recommendation may be made to City Council for additional funds. Belvoir asked Curtis to keep everyone updated as information is gathered.

Curtis stated that she received a letter from Dan Everheart regarding the bridge that crosses the railroad out on Highway 52. Mr. Everheart is using the museum to help get some mitigation done. Curtis stated that several meetings have been taking place in New Plymouth, so she doesn't know how far things have gone.

AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Certified Local Government -- Gray moved to recommend that the City Council approve the Certified Local Government Application. The motion was seconded by Kinney and passed with a unanimous voice vote. Discussion followed regarding Belvoir doing the legwork and coordination to get this to the City Council. Discussion also centered on the funding, stipulations and process of getting projects done. Wickersham indicated that it is basically done except for sending to the Council. When it goes to the City Council, a member should be available to present it.
- B. Liz Amason – Payette Community Alliance Network -- Liz Amason had a fact sheet that she passed out regarding the Payette Community Alliance Network. They formed an IRS compliant non-profit last year. They have several things that they are going to do, such as a community yard sale during Apple Blossom and

Cruise Night. Also working on registering with IDIN for downtown efforts and main street utilization, community pride, building improvements, and image improvements. Initial IDIN wants to see \$2,000.00 in the bank to begin. There are many opportunities for the two groups to work together in future. She is not looking for any money. She just wants the Commission to know that they are here. Ms. Amason will communicate and let Commission know exactly what they will be doing for projects. Gray asked about the procedure that the Network uses to identify what projects. Ms. Amason outlined surveys for undone projects and the organization will accept recommendations for the future. She is just a volunteer and works on all of these impact areas. She applies for grants that can be utilized and many are grants that do not require matching funds. There are grants that the city can apply for that will make improvements to downtown streets for beautification and movement flow. Long-term considerations should be taken into account for changes that will attract new business and visitors. Murals could be added to dress-up some of the decrepit buildings. Sprucing-up in general, should be encouraged to take place. She will continue to keep the Commission informed in the future.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Curtis outlined the flood at the County Museum. Maybe the flood was a good thing, because they discovered the termites. They also got their historical plaque put up. Wickersham discussed The Boy's and Girl's Club. The Club may be going to utilize the old Catholic Church. Gray stated that if the Commission is going to go forward with going to City Council, then we should get working on presentation. She asked what may be needed to move forward. A suggestion was made for a sign with a mapping system of what is available in our City. Another project suggested by Ms. Amason is getting a phone app that tells about locations as they are walking or driving. Geocaching with historical sites could also be done and might provide interest and fun. Ms. Amason has the name of a town citizen who is an architect. Heather Madden may potentially consider working with the Commission. Belvoir reiterated that we still need to go before the City.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be May 16, 2016 at 4:00.

Kinney moved and Townsend seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Denise Rueschhoff
Pro-Tem Recording Secretary