

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
October 5, 2015
4:00P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Ann Curtis, Patty Theurer, Pat Townsend, Lee Nelson and Marcia Gray

Members Absent: Linda Williams and Don Belvoir

Staff present: Jeff Sands, Craig Jensen, Mayor Williams & Bobbie Black

Also in attendance: Nancy Dale

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes of August 17th, 2015, as written. The motion was seconded by Theurer and passed by unanimous voice approval.

COMMUNICAITONS

None

AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Certified Local Government: Ms. Curtis asked if everyone had read the entire documents. After attending classes at a conference, it is a lot more complicated than we thought. If we want to go ahead with this we should get the state involved. Gray stated there are only two benefits, the right to nominate properties and receive federal funds that we have to match. The most we can get is \$2,500. For the certified local government program we have to have an architect, monitoring, public hearings, and it is at the will and if we get money to support this program, it is not automatic. We have to have a very willing city government and committee and she doesn't think we have either. Curtis stated to form a historic district we have to have more on the register. Theurer stated if on the register, they have to open their buildings to public if it is not a home. Some of the business downtown have apartments upstairs and doesn't know how that would work. Jensen stated it seems like a lot of work for a little amount of money. Mayor Williams stated there are not many grants that doesn't require a match. This does it come back to the core of commission, do you want to promote the historic history of Payette. He asked what this commission wants to do to promote Payette. Gray stated this project is not what it is cracked up to be. The City Council would need to allocate money on what the commission recommends to City Council. Theurer asked what can we do and what do we want to do, that is the next decision we have to make. Curtis stated we have access to state people when needed for historical registry information. Gray made a motion remove certified local government from agenda, the motion was 2nd Nelson. Gray stated an education program would be good. Curtis has several people that might be available to speak to the group. Theurer stated part of our job is educating people and keep them interested. Curtis asked if there is anything on the books that can help us save historical buildings. Sands stated you need to be very careful with people's property rights. Commission should be able to give guidance and encourage property owners on historical preservation. Theurer stated maybe we could offer a class for preservation. Unanimous voice approval on motion.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Discussed façade grant program on two applications that went before Admin & Finance Committee today, according to the façade policy they need to go before the Historical Commission. Sands stated the program is for downtown commercial. Most on the list are not in downtown. Each should be separate and not as a group. Program says minimum is \$1,000. Anything on the historical part does involve this group. Putting a sign on the building does nothing for beautification. Gray doesn't think this is a project this commission should decide on. Sands stated they didn't want to go ask owners if wasn't going to be approved. Maybe when we have someone speak they might have ideas for us to get funding. Nelson stated we should hear from people that are asking for this grant to get correct answers. Councilor Dale stated buildings outside can be considered, she thinks that they do. Building identification is one of the qualify items. The group that put together this application has 50 hours into the application. Gray stated we don't want to make or break this deal. Theurer stated this isn't want the façade grant program was designed for. If already on register, there are places that can probably help them with getting plaques. Discussed what the next procedure should be in this process. Asked if only the ones that can apply are on the National Historical Register, no anyone in downtown can apply, has nothing to do with being on register. The reason these two came before the commission was due to historic plaque requests.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be November 2nd, 2015, at 4:00.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Bobbie Black
Recording Secretary