

Great Falls-Cascade County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

February 11, 12:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Present: Ken R., Ken S., Jeanne P., Rich E., Megan S.

Staff and Commissioners: Sam Long, Joe McK., Eric H.

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 14, 2025
  - Changes: Montana Heritage Center Paragraph 9, Change 1,500 to 500 in grant for match, Fix spelling of Bethel, add motion passed for if motions are made and passed.
  - Motion to approve with changes: Ken R.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rich E.
  - Motion Passed
  
2. HPO Report to the HPAC
  - Foundation for Montana History grant submitted.
  - Federal Appropriations Included for SHPO support.
  - Made almost \$1000 on ornaments sales.
  - City applying for Historic Preservation Grant for the roof of the Zellerblock Building
  - David Erdman has resigned from HPAC
  - There are 2 county and 1 city HPAC positions open.
  - Nominations forms for awards go live in March.
  
3. Boston and Montana Barn • Montana Historic Preservation Grant
  - Moved rocks blocking the south gate to the barn
  - City would need to move pipes and palettes that are on the grounds
  - Applying for the Historic Preservation Grant asking for \$350,000
  - Status of fencing- waiting on legal to do a letter then formal bid and fencing.
  - Committee will wait till April to continue.

Motion to authorize HPAC to write a letter of support for the HPG through Big Sky Country National Heritage Area for the Barn: Rich E.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ken R.

Motion Passed

4. Preserve MT Workshop Proposal

-Window Maintenance workshop would cost \$2,500

-limited to 8 participants

-Ken S.- Concern over lead paint, liability, see if Preserve Montana has information on Lead Paint as part of their information.

-Going to look for a partner – MSU, Neighbor Works maybe?

-Motion to cover up to half the cost and approve of scheduling the workshop: Ken R.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ken S.

Motion Passed

5. Semiquincentennial Report

-July 8<sup>th</sup> will be the synchronized reading of the Declaration of Independence on the Civic Center Steps.

-National Historic Landmark update – next step would be to contact owners & see how their operations would be impacted – Library and Northwestern Energy.

6. Vinegar Jones Cabin Committee Report

-No Updates

7. Reports from Commissioners

-Ken R. – Fort Benton is painting a mural & placing interpretive sign about the Fort Shaw Indian Girls Basketball team in 1904. They played there.

8. Public Comment

-None

9. Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Ken S.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Ken R.

Meeting Adjourned

