

Great Falls-Cascade County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

January 14, 12:00 PM

Present: Ken Robison, Ken Sievert, Meghan Kelly, Channing Hartelius, Jeanne Price, Rich Ecke, Megan Sanford

Staff: Andrew Finch, Sam Long on Zoom

Commissioners: Joe McKenny

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2025

Changes: None

Motion to Approve: Ken R.

2nd: Meghan K.

Motion Passed

2. Election of Officers

- Chairman – Channing Hartelius nominated by Ken R., 2nd by Jeanne P.
- Vice Chairman – Jeanne Price nominated by Ken R., 2nd by Meghan K.
- Secretary – Megan Sanford nominated by Ken R., 2nd by Rich E.

All officers approved and motion passed.

3. HPO Report to the HPAC

- Public comment available for City Growth Policy – bring your questions!
- Union Bethal AME Church Final Payment made!
- Grant Season is on – 2 completed
- Currently no applications for TIF funding
- Preserve MT wants to do a window preservation and repair workshop. For a full day workshop it would \$2500. In 2021, we hosted a half day workshop for 1,240. Item will be put on next months agenda.

4. St. Peter's Mission Report

- Signs are in and look good, project complete!

5. Boston and Montana Barn

- Proposal for Fencing:

- Cost of fence installation would be covered by a private donor. Donor is willing to commit but wants reassurance from the city that they would give the group time to take care of the barn, not just turn around and tear it down.
- Joe Mc. Thinks there's enough votes with in the city/county commission to move forward with the new fence.
- Big Sky Country Heritage Area is sponsoring the grant application for the barn and may be interested in the building themselves.

- HPAC Letter of Support for FMH Grant:

-Channing H. is willing to sign a letter of support on behalf of HPAC for the donor to do the fence and the agreement of the city not to tear the barn down after it's installation.

Motion to approve the concept of the fencing donation proposal and authorize a letter of support: Rich E.

2nd: Ken R.

Motion Passed

6. Montana History Foundation Grant

- Request for Matching Funds - \$1500 for a group of signs, 2 replaced in Gibson Park, 2 new signs in Verde Park, and 4 signs along the River's Edge Trail.

Motion: Megan S.

2nd: Meghan K.

Motion Passed

7. Semiquincentennial Report

-There is a working group for events in the County, but there is not much federal funding available. It was decided to participate in a synchronized reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8th and the creation of a website listing local celebrations.

8. Vinegar Jones Cabin Committee Report

- nothing new to report

9. Reports from Commissioners

-Joe Mc.: Working together is great, reach out please if anyone needs anything.

- Ken R.: June 21-24 Lewis and Clark Trail Alliance Conference in Great Falls, Grand opening of the Center for Montana History June 25-28, Montana Historical Society Conference in September.

-Channing H.: Sign up for the Montana Historical Society Conference early, Mary Fields community bust for sale soon.

- Jeanne P.: Thank you History Museum for the Christmas party!

- Megan S.: The History Museum is 50 this year, come to our 2nd Saturday programs and new book coming out!

10. Public Comment

- none

11. Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Ken S.

2nd: Ken R.

Motion Passed