

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



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~Meeting Minutes~
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The meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy McClure (virtual), Chair; Laurabeth Landis (virtual), Jack Porter (virtual), Nels Reese (virtual), Steve Taylor (virtual), Ali Tong

MEMBERS ABSENT: Cynthia King, Jared Norman

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Art Bettge (virtual), Mike Ray

1. Approval of September 24, 2020 Minutes

Porter moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Reese. Vote by acclamation: Ayes: unanimous. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Motion carried.

2. Review of Library Interpretive Sign

The Library Board reviewed the current draft of the Carnegie Library interpretive sign and have made some recommendations for the Commission's consideration.

McClure reported that the Library Board reviewed the sign draft on November 17th and forwarded comments to the Commissioners. McClure, King, and Porter reviewed and responded to their recommendations and Ray incorporated the adjustments into the latest sign layout. The Commissioners discussed potential locations and recommended placement along the east side of the sidewalk, just south of the mosaic mural. McClure will consult with Sokol. Bettge advised the Commission to also consult with the Moscow Arts Director.

3. Future Interpretive Signs Locations and Content

Discuss the possibilities for interpretive signage in Friendship Square, Fort Russell, or other locations. Opportunities for a fourth sign location were discussed including East City Park for the Fort Russell District Gateway, and Friendship Square for the Downtown Moscow Historic District. Commissioners agreed that Friendship Square was the best choice. McClure volunteered to compose the initial draft based on her Archipedia research and will seek editing help from Porter and King.

4. Future of Preservation Moscow

Discuss possible topics for 2021 Preservation Moscow and whether to continue with the publication in the abbreviated format.

A committee was formed, including Reese as Chair, Taylor, and King to explore publication opportunities including printed informational brochures, Preservation Moscow, and digital options.

5. 2021 Orchid Awards

Discuss possible Orchid Award recipients for 2021 and the Orchid Awards event.

McClure suggested holding a virtual Orchids event in May of 2021 in concert with Historic Preservation week. Reese suggested sponsoring an Orchids walking tour of the Fort Russell Historical District, with an outdoor ceremony at East City Park. A committee was formed including Porter as chair, Landis, Tong, and Reese to explore options.

6. Swede Town Historic District

Discuss the possibility of a future historic district in the "Swede Town" area of the City and a reconnaissance survey to document and determine eligibility.

McClure reported on preliminary findings regarding potential of the neighborhood south of Sixth Street as a future historic district and suggested there is a substantial inventory of residences constructed between late nineteenth century and the 1940's. She recommended a formal reconnaissance survey to be conducted.

REPORTS

1. Recruitment of Commission Members

New members explained how they found out about the Historic Preservation Commission to help inform recruitment strategies.

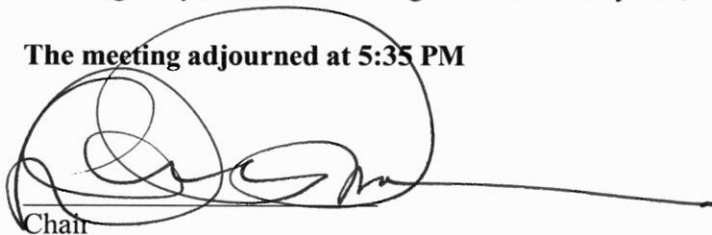
ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next regularly scheduled meeting is set for January 28th, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM

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Chair