

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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4:30 PM

Mayor's Conference Room
206 E Third Street

The meeting was called to order at 4:37 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nels Reese, Chair; Cynthia King (virtual), Laurabeth Landis (virtual), Renee Magee (virtual), Jack Porter (virtual), Steve Taylor (virtual), Ali Tong
MEMBERS ABSENT: Jared Norman
OTHERS: Anne Zabala (virtual)
STAFF: Aimee Hennrich

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of December 3, 2020 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Porter moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Tong. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (7). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. Election of Officers (ACTION ITEM)

Porter nominated Reese for Chair, who accepted. Taylor seconded the motion to elect Nels Reese as Chair for the Historic Preservation Commission. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (7). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion Carried.

King nominated Porter for Vice Chair, who declined. Reese nominated Landis for Vice Chair, who accepted. King seconds the motion to elect Laurabeth Landis as Vice Chair for the Historic Preservation Commission. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (7). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion Carried.

Reese nominated King for Secretary, who accepted. Tong seconded the motion to elect Cynthia King as Secretary for the Historic Preservation Commission. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (7). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion Carried.

3. Update on Library Interpretive Sign (ACTION ITEM)

The Moscow Arts Commission reviewed the proposed location of the library interpretive sign on January 12, 2021 and made some proposed recommendations for the Commission's consideration.

Hennrich read a letter to the Commission from the Moscow Arts Commission (MAC). MAC commended the Library Interpretative Sign, but requested that it does not infringe on the Library outdoor mural.

Discussion about a possible location change followed and it was decided that south of the Library addition mural, in front of the historic original building, would be a good spot for the sign. Reese will work with Staff to get a photo of the updated location.

4. Future Interpretive Signs Locations and Content (ACTION ITEM)

Discuss the possibilities for interpretive signage in Friendship Square, Fort Russell, or other locations.

Commissioners discussed future interpretive sign locations. Reese recommended a sign at Friendship Square highlighting the Downtown Historic District, and Tong recommends a sign at East City Park with content

about the Fort Russell Historic District. Also recommended was a series of signs down Third Street, similar to the historic signs placed in downtown Moscow. Funding for individual signs usually comes from the HPC budget, but funds for the downtown sign series came from a different City of Moscow budget.

Zabala offered to find out who HPC should work with in regards to a series of signs on Third Street, and Reese will schedule a time to take the Commissioners on a tour of the Fort Russell Historic District. Magee will reach out to the former HPC Chair Wendy McClure regarding a proposed Friendship Square sign.

Porter moved to proceed with a Friendship Square sign, with Magee as the sub-committee chair, seconded by Landis. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (7). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion Carried.

5. Future of Preservation Moscow (ACTION ITEM)

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

The Commission generally agreed to set aside the Preservation Moscow publication for at least a year, and instead develop informative brochures about the historic districts, to be placed strategically around the City. Reese will find brochure examples and samples to bring to the Commission meeting in February, with the assistance of several of the other members.

6. 2021 Orchid Awards (ACTION ITEM)

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

Commissioners reaffirmed the sub-committee for the Orchid Awards 2021. Porter suggested a May event outdoors is likely unrealistic at this time. Reese proposed a September event in East City Park.

7. Swede Town Historic District (ACTION ITEM)

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.

Reese recommended the Commission do an informal survey of potential Swede Town neighborhoods before discussing formal historic district proposals or hiring a consultant. He will task teams of Commissioners to conduct informal walking/photo-taking surveys of certain blocks of the Swede Town neighborhoods and report back.

REPORTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. New member Renee Magee introduced herself: worked with historic preservation planning in Wyoming and Southern Idaho since 1980-s, and was a member of the Historic Preservation Commission in Idaho Falls. She moved to Moscow approximately a year ago.
2. Reese proposed a University of Idaho District for future consideration.

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

Next regularly scheduled meeting is set for February 25th, 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM

Nels Reese, Chair

Minutes Approved On

FEB 25 2021

Clerk/Deputy Signature