

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Thursday
February 25, 2021

4:30 PM

Mayor's Conference Room
206 E Third Street

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 PM

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

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of January 28, 2021 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Porter moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Landis. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

2. FY2022 Commission Budget (ACTION ITEM)

Ray presented the FY2022 Commission Budget to the board members and there was minor discussion that followed.

Landis moved for approval of the FY2022 Commission Budget as presented, seconded by King. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (6). 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.

Ray displayed photos of the original part of the Library building as well as emailing the Commissioners a draft copy of the proposed sign. Sign location and placement was discussed. Ray will contact the sign maker to order an initial copy of the sign for the Commission to view. Commissioners will set up a time to visit the Library to determine placement.

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

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

Commissioners thanked Magee for the initial work completed for the Friendship Square sign. Magee will move forward with revisions after input from Porter and King, as well as information from the City website and the presentation from Ray. Placement of sign, as well as proposed idea of setting individual signs on the four anchor buildings of Friendship Square was discussed, and the Commission decided to set a time to visit the site.

Ray presented information and history regarding a potential series of signs along the north side of Third Street highlighting the Fort Russell Historic District. Zabala will look into what similar downtown signs cost and which City budget funded those signs. Reese will work with Ray to contact the company that made the downtown signage.

5. Historic District Brochures (ACTION ITEM)

Discuss possible brochures for the historic districts in Moscow.

Ray showed examples of Historic District brochures from Idaho Falls and one from Moscow produced in the 1980s. Taylor and Landis will work with Reese on drafting some potential brochures. King will send the Commission links to webpages of three historic walking tours from Helena, Montana that also include phone applications and printed material.

6. 2021 Orchid Awards (ACTION ITEM)

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

Porter suggested that the Commission could produce a one-page publication about the awards, similar to the page that was included in past issues of Preservation Moscow. Ray went over the City webpage that provided information and the application for the Orchid Awards. Porter suggested the Commissioners become familiar with the award criteria and to walk neighborhoods to send photos and addresses of potential honorees. Porter listed some possible projects and King suggested emailing former chair Wendy McClure for properties that were mentioned fall of 2020.

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.

Item tabled.

REPORTS

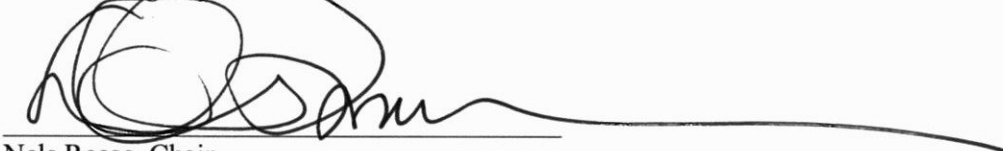
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM

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Nels Reese, Chair