



Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

September 5, 2019, 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

Voting members present: Solomon Martin (Alternate 1), Jamie Ryan Lockman, Steve Adler (Professional), Paul Filicetti, vice-chair (Downtown), James McDonald (Professional), Julia McCarthy-McLavery (At large)
Regular member(s) absent: Jolene Brink, Chair (At large), Cathy Bickenheuser (Professional), Bruce Haroldson (At large)
Others Present: Emy Scherrer (HPO), Alicia Vanderheiden

1. Call to Order

Paul Filicetti called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Alicia Vanderheiden called the roll.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approve August 1, 2019 Minutes

The minutes were approved as submitted.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment on items not on the agenda.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Old Business

6.1 Implement Revised HPC Bylaws Draft.

Emy Scherrer spoke on this item and shared edits made to the draft HPC bylaws since the last HPC meeting in August. The HPC draft and edits have been attached to the item record.

The commission discussed the bylaws and determined that additional time was needed before voting to adopt. Any questions or suggestions will be sent to Emy Scherrer who will pass along to the City Attorney. It was noted that the bylaws are a great improvement from the current document.

This item will be on the October, 2019 HPC agenda.

6.2 Education and Public Awareness

6.2.1 Greenough Park Bear Cage Sub-Committee

Solomon Martin stated there was nothing new to report. How to address rust is still under discussion. Project planning will occur during the winter; work to occur in spring 2020. Emy Scherrer noted that Parks and Recreation is available to help when the time comes.

6.2.2 Legacy Business Sub-Committee

Jamie Lockman, sub-committee chair, and Emy Scherrer, HPO shared they had discussed combining the Legacy Business sub-committee with the Historic Awards planning committee. Jim McDonald spoke in agreement of this option.

6.2.3 Building Watch

6.2.3.1 Farviews Radio Building

Emy Scherrer spoke on the neighborhood vote to get rid of building which put Parks in a challenging position. Jim McDonald noted that the building could be of use for parks for reasons such as storage. Paul Filicetti asked about the number of people present for the vote. Ms. Scherrer stated she would research and added it was a topic of interest to the neighborhood. She said the location was the only flat part of the park and there is interest for a picnic area and shelter, the plans are still conceptual. Jamie Ryan Lockman added that this is a city park, not just a neighborhood park.

Bruce Haroldson and Emy Scherrer performed a site visit and drafted a mock-up of engineering and structural concerns. They determined the building is sound, though concern was expressed by at the neighborhood meeting that the building, built in the 1920s and used as the receiving end of radio, would be too expensive to bring up to code. Research had been done to determine the cost of moving the building; there was an offer to donate the cost to move to Fort Missoula but not to the Forest Service Museum.

Jim McDonald commented on the interest to save the signs. The idea of creating a window to encase them was not well received by the developers of the neighboring property. Emy Scherrer suggested placing a sealant on the building before the signage was covered.

6.2.3.2 Federal Building

Solomon Martin noted that the General Services Administration (GSA) was in process of contracting this building and noted that there is still money being spent in the space. The building is supposed to be empty.

Emy Scherrer noted that there was discussion about the possibility of making this building a landmark and transferring it to local government. Jim McDonald noted that a million dollars in mitigation would be needed; the question would be whether that is addressed now or later.

6.2.3.3 MCPS Admin Building

Emy Scherrer stated the building is still not listed for sale as had been previously thought would happen. Julia McCarthy McLaverty stated the building would be sold for one dollar after administration moved offices to the Missoula College location; however, maintenance would be needed first. Bruce Haroldson informed that as a state entity, they are not allowed to sell property for one dollar; rather a reasonable market value must be sought.

Jamie Ryan Lockman shared that there had been interest in a daycare in the space. Jim McDonald added that the local publication, The Current, noted that in an recent article.

6.2.3.4 Cold Springs Schoolhouse

Jim McDonald discussed that a daycare is now located in the building. Recently, there was another great article in the Missoulian about this building.

6.2.4 May Preservation Month Discussion

Emy Scherrer inquired if there was interest in creating a sub-committee. Jim McDonald would like to begin securing speakers. Solomon Martin, Julia McCarthy McLaverty, Jamie Ryan Lockman, and Jim McDonald offered their service for the sub-committee. The Legacy Program would be in combination with the Preservation Awards. A request to submit nominations would be coming soon.

6.2.5 Informal Letter to MCPS on behalf of the HPC

Emy Scherrer stated that a letter had been sent in the past to a previous administration. That letter would be updated and sent along with the adaptive reuse ordinance and other new information. Members of HPC were encouraged to send any suggestions for edits to Emy Scherrer, HPO.

7. Preserve Historic Missoula Report

Jim McDonald stated he would reach out to Preserve Historic Missoula to invite them to provide a report to HPC.

8. Historic Preservation Officer Staff Report & Project Notification

Emy Scherrer provided the HPO staff report to the members of HPC. The report is attached to the meeting record.

9. Board Member Comments

10. Announcements, News & Upcoming Events

11. Adjournment