



Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

July 11, 2019, 6:00 PM
City Council Chambers
140 W. Pine Street, Missoula , MT

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

1. Call to Order

Jolene Brink called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Randy Frazier called the roll.

3. Approval of Minutes from June 6, 2019 as Presented or Amended

Bruce Haroldson noted he was absent from the meeting on June 6, 2019.

The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. New Business

6. Historic Preservation Office Internship Update

Sophia Eiter, Historic Preservation Intern, shared a summary of the work she has been involved with during her post. She provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the projects. She noted that there has been good momentum with the projects and it will be interesting to see where the story goes as further research is done. Missoula has an extraordinary, rich history that is more involved than what is currently known.

7. Old Business

8. HPC Bylaws

Emy Scherrer spoke on this item which has been under discussion. Last month, it was decided to hold the vote to allow for more members to be present. Ms. Scherrer provided a summary of the changes noted in the draft bylaws available in the public record history associated with this item.

A motion was made by Jolene Brink and seconded by Steve Adler to approve the updated HPC Bylaws draft dated 5-30-2019.

The committee discussed whether more time to review the draft was needed; they determined that they would review the bylaws during the meeting to ensure the language was satisfactory and understood.

Steve Adler asked to make a change to the draft to allow for training be be paid for the chair or a member designated by the chair. Emily Scherrer agreed to ask the City Attorney if the language could be changed.

Edits to "commission" were requested to capitalize where needed.

The committee discussed the conflict of interest section, highlighting that the wording "past" professional relationship with the project may be too vague. They noted that the need to disclose a potential conflict to the chair is implied and the chair holds the responsibility of notifying Historic Preservation Commission of the conflict.

The members of HPC continued discussion on other sections of the draft and determined that more time was needed before a decision to approve, approve with conditions, or deny the updated HPC draft could be made.

The committee agreed to send language edit recommendations of the draft to the Historic Preservation Officer. The recommended edits would then be presented to the City Attorney for review. The decision to approve the HPC Bylaws will be held for a future date.

Jolene Brink withdrew the motion on the floor; the item will remain held in committee.

9. Education and Public Awareness

1. Establish the Greenough Park Bear Cage Sub-committee.

Solomon Martin spoke on the restoration work needed to the Greenough Park Bear Cage and recommended creation of a subcommittee. Parks and Recreation is willing to provide funding. Bruce Haroldson and Solomon Martin agreed to collaborate to come up with a work plan.

2. Establish the Legacy Business Program Sub-committee.

Legacy Business Program subcommittee is needed to make decisions on how this project will move forward into its second year. Jamie Lockman shared interest in providing leadership with this subcommittee; Emy Scherrer shared she would be participating as well.

3. List of "Radar Buildings.

No updates to the three identified buildings: Pipefitters Building, Firestone Building, and the MCPS Admin Building. Cold Springs School Building was suggested to be added to the list.

MCPS Admin building is a priority to the committee; they asked city staff to reach out to request that the commission be informed of any status changes. Emy Scherrer will send a copy of a letter previously sent to Mark Thane to the new superintendent to ensure the school administration is aware of the interest of HPC in the historic MCPS Admin Building. Ms. Scherrer informed she would contact MCPS administration and offer to present at an upcoming MCPS committee meeting.

10. Preserve Historic Missoula Report

11. Historic Preservation Officer Staff Report & Project Notification

Emy Scherrer provided the HPO Staff Report which is attached to the record associated with this item.

12. Board Member Comments

13. Announcements, News & Upcoming Events

Emy Scherrer spoke on the Historic Master Plan created in 1990. She shared that the goals outlined in that document have been accomplished. She recommended that a formalized document with goals outlined in an organized manner be created that could be used to help inform and guide the goals of HPC. If agreed, this project would need funding and Council approval as it would be a large undertaking, involving a consultant and a public process. Ms. Scherrer added that she would provide a presentation to HPC to provide further details on the process of establishing such a plan.

14. Adjournment

Jolene Brink adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.