

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

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August 10, 2015. At this time it came to staffs attention that this had not been presented to the Historic Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness which is why it is on the agenda today. If this is approved today it would allow staff to move forward with a sign permit and authorize the sign.

Chairperson Taylor explained the sign was installed without a sign permit, she is fine with the sign, but the issue she has is things like this keep happening. She asked if there have been any thoughts on how to prevent this in the future.

Zoning & Development Manager Carraway-Johnson explained this was an error on the contractor's part, they assumed it was a city responsibility to take care of the permitting. She apologized for the misunderstanding, on their behalf. She explained that education and communication with contractors about the Historic Preservation Commission and the process for Certificate of Appropriateness is the best means of prevention.

Commissioner Horsley explained he does not have any issues with the sign and was pleased with the park. He appreciates the staff's effort to resolve this issue.

Motion:

Commissioner Horsley made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion.

Unanimously Approved

IV. OLD BUSINESS UPDATE:

1. Idaho Certified Local Government Grant 2015 (Design Guidelines/Education)

Sherry McKibben stated that she realizes there has been very short notice about the draft guidelines but she requested that the Commission review it as soon as possible. The final submittal to the Commission is scheduled for September 15, 2015 and she would like to make any changes prior to that date. She asked that staff review the maps in the booklet and determine whether or not they are accurate, she also stated that the guidelines were written to allow the Commission to use discretion for requests for Certificate of Appropriateness. She understood from the last meeting that the Commission wanted a reference for design guidelines but also wanted to have some flexibility. She asked that the Commission review the draft and give feedback.

Chairperson Taylor asked that the Commission review this document over the next week and send staff any comments they may have about the document.

Affiliate Volunteer Buffaloe stated he is in support of this document and recommended that the next request for the CLG grant include the possibility of creating the same type of design guidelines for the residential district. He is not sure that the guidelines would ever be codified but they could be used as a reference for home owners that want to preserve their historic homes.

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Ms. McKibben suggested another approach to the residential resources would be to work on creating a list of resources for the public to access from the City website. This could be an easy way to help the public and the home owners may find it very beneficial.

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Chairperson Taylor explained that she has been involved with a project located at North Five Points for a public arts project to recognize this area as a gateway to historic downtown. She asked for the Commissions support of this project.

Motion:

Commissioner Kemp made a motion to support the project. Commissioner Pierce seconded the motion.

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson Taylor stated that the other item she would like support for is preservation of artifacts and materials from the old Rogerson Hotel. She stated she has been in this building recently and thinks that there may be some items worth salvaging from the building before it is demolished. She knows there are some things that need to be done to see this project through but would ask that the Commission be in support of her efforts.

Julia Oxarango-Ingram, Southern Idaho Rural Development, stated that she is willing to assist with this project and has a contact in the community that is licensed, bonded and very familiar with this type of restoration/preservation project. She also stated that there are many communities in the area that have buildings that need restoration and materials that could be preserved from the Rogerson could be used in those efforts. She does have places the materials can be stored and is willing to assist the Commission in this effort.

Tom Gilbertson, Preservation Twin Falls, stated that he is in support of this project. He is not thrilled about the building being torn down however if there are artifacts and materials that could be salvaged from the building that would provide some satisfaction for him. Once the building is demolished it will be too late and he would like some of the history to be preserved.

Commissioner Horsley explained that he is in support of the project as long as it is controlled. His experience in the past is that once news travels about removing items and materials from the building for preservation there will be lots of public interest which can result in some chaos. He thinks this is a good idea and is very supportive of the effort.

Motion:

Commissioner Pierce made a motion to support this project. Commissioner Lattin seconded the motion.

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VI. INPUT AND/OR ITEMS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION: [None](#)

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE: [Monday, September 21, 2015 at 12:00 PM](#)

VIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

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