

Historic Preservation Commission Minutes

March 21, 2016

IV. OLD BUSINESS UPDATE:

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

- Commissioner Taylor explained that she is working on getting a list of stakeholders in the downtown area and will follow-up with the Commission.
- Commissioner Rice asked if there are any specific projects that staff would recommend that the Commission pursue for the grant or if anything had been identified yet.
- Commissioner Taylor explained that nothing has been identified for the grant request.
- Planner I Weeks explained that the 5-year plan needs to be reviewed to see if there are any items left that the CLG grant could be used for next year. She also stated that it would be a good idea to consider updating the plan if necessary.
- Commissioner Rice asked if the grant funds could be used for refurbishing or assisting in improvement for a historic building.
- Planner I Weeks explained that she needs to review the guidelines for the grant to see what the money can be used for in order to assist the Commission in picking a project. She also stated that one of the projects recommended was taking a look at possibly creating an overlay for the residential homes along the "Tree Streets" and some design guidelines property owners could refer to when refurbishing these homes.
- Paul Smith, a citizen, stated that in the past one of the items the Commission worked on was getting a professional historian survey areas of the community to determine whether or not a historic overlay could be justified.
- Commissioner Rice stated that she has heard of other Historic Commissions identifying historic properties as historically significant.
- Paul Smith stated that in the past the process has been to go to the National Historic Registry to see if a property is on the registry and if it is contributing. The next step would be to have the City consider a historic overlay district if the survey determines it would be beneficial. As for identifying specific properties there is a means for nominating them and using the grant money to assist in that process.

2. City budget

- Commissioner Taylor stated that she will put together a proposal for budget and itemize a few things the money would go towards for the Commission.

3. Highway Sign- **Tabled for April meeting.**

4. Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month

- Commissioner Taylor she still would like to have an event to celebrate Historic Preservation in May. She has some ideas and some contacts for this project and she will report back next month on possible dates and activities.

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V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Operation Facelift 2016

- City Council Liaison Pierce reported that she has been involved with this in the past, it is a Southern Idaho Economic Development sponsored event. Funds are given to various communities to do certain things to buildings. A few years ago her building was picked for the project and materials were donated to improve the outside of the building. It helps to refurbish buildings in Twin Falls and all of the counties in the Magic Valley participate.
- Planner I Weeks stated that this event takes place June 6-17 and it can occur sooner as long as the project is complete in time for the judging to take place.
- Commissioner Taylor stated she thinks this would be a great event for the Commission to be involved in and said that she will follow-up with the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization for more details.

VI. INPUT AND/OR ITEMS FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

- Council Liaison Pierce invited the Commission to attend the Golden Sledge Hammer Celebration downtown at the old Rogerson Hotel on April 12, 2016 from Noon-1:00pm to kick off the demolition of the building. She thinks it would be a nice event for the Commission to attend.
- Commissioner Taylor stated that she would also like to put together an article for the Times News explaining what the Historic Preservation Commission is, what the Commission can and cannot do and how decisions are made with regards to Historic Preservation.

VII. UPCOMING MEETINGS/SCHEDULE: Monday, April 18, 2016 at 12:00 PM

VIII. ADJOURN MEETING:

Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 12:42pm

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