

**MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HAILEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006
IN THE UPSTAIRS MEETING ROOM WITHIN HAILEY CITY HALL**

The eleventh meeting of the Hailey Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by chair Denise Jackson Ford. Commission members Anna Mathieu, Julie Evans, Nick Busdon, Joan Davies, Laura Hall, Taylor Walker, and Rob Lonning were present. Rick Davis, Claudia Walsworth and Heather Dawson also attended.

Claudia provided an update of the CLG grant progress. She reported the windshield survey produced at least 400 properties with historic potential. Since the CLG grant addresses National Register eligible properties only, she will focus on about 33 properties. Those 33 were identified because they have largely maintained their historical integrity. Nick volunteered to track the titles on the designated 33 properties and asked Claudia to send him the list. Claudia indicated she will next need HPC help when she begins the court house research. Julie volunteered to work on the research. Claudia proposed enlisting the aid of Joan Davies and Rose Mallory in collecting further information about eligible properties. Heather reminded HPC members that the in-kind time sheets are due at the May 30st meeting.

Approval of January and February minutes was the next business. Julie Evans moved and Taylor Walker seconded to approve. Motion carried. Minutes for the April 5, and April 25 meeting will be approved at the May 30st meeting.

Rick Davis and Denise Jackson Ford will coordinate attending the CLG workshop being held at Albertson's College of Idaho, 2112 Cleveland Blvd., Caldwell, ID on May 5 and 6. The agenda for the workshop includes a discussion of the new CLG grant allocation system.

Any HPC members available are invited to attend a lunch meeting with Lisa Horowitz from 12:00 – 1:30 PM on May 23. Location to be announced. Lisa Horowitz is coordinating the Hailey residential design review development process. Anyone able to attend should contact Rob Lonning.

The current building acquisition project of the Blaine County Historical Museum was discussed. Joan Davis provided a brief overview of the project. The museum has outgrown its current space and has the opportunity to purchase the building next door. About 1/3 of the required \$300,000 has been raised so far. A variety of options have been explored to date including sharing the space with the Hailey Chamber of Commerce. Julie Evans suggested an investor might be found who would purchase the building and grant the museum a long-term lease. Rick Davis will see if any grant money might be available. Laura Hall will be devoting her time to fund raising following her work on this year's Heritage Court Program.

Rob Lonning moved that the Hailey Historic Preservation Commission officially endorse the building acquisition project of the Blaine County Historical Museum and form a subcommittee to work with the museum. Anna Mathieu seconded the motion. Taylor Walker expressed concern that the Commission might be taking on too much, given the current work load before the Commission. He also questioned the legality of the motion, given the governmental affiliation of the HPC. Anna Mathieu expressed support for the motion based on the shared goals of the HPC and the BCHM. Rob Lonning amended the motion to be contingent upon the advice of Hailey's legal counsel. Rick Davis volunteered to check with the city attorney to clarify the potential legal issues. Anna Mathieu expressed interest in serving on a potential subcommittee.

Discussion began on the latest draft of the demolition ordinance. Joan Davis discussed her proposal to offer her property on 3rd Avenue for a test case for the ordinance. Each commission member was asked to respond to the language of the latest draft which had been revised by Taylor and Denise. Opinions varied on the time allocation between the issuing of the permit and the commencement of demolition. Options ranging from 60 to 120 days were recommended. It was proposed that the time allocation could vary depending on the historical “significance” of the property. Taylor Walker expressed concern that a variable time scale would be dependent on a subjective evaluation that would be subject to litigation. He proposed that the federal standard of 50 years and older be used. It was clear, objective and defensible. This proposal received strong support from commission members. Rick Davis proposed that the ordinance include a requirement that any property owner wishing to demolish an historic property obtain a report of the historical significance of the property from a certified architectural historian.

Further discussion on the draft demolition ordinance was tabled and a special meeting of the HPC to finalize the draft was scheduled for May 16. Time and location will be sent to all members

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

The next regular meeting of the HPC will be Tuesday, May 30 at City Hall.