

Hailey Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting 9/25/07

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Members present: Rob Lonning (Chair), Taylor Walker, Kelly Jackson, Anna Mathieu, Laura Hall.

Commission Chair Rob Lonning opened the meeting. He present the plan to have all members pick a interest relating to the HHPC functions and suggested all members pick and areas of interest, topic, and work with it outside of meetings, with other members of similar interest, and report back to board.

Rob then addressed HHPC membership. Dick Meyer (earlier appointed to commission) hasn't responded to HHPC's request that he step down due to his lack of attendance or participation. Mayor wants to delete Dick Meyer and elect a new member in one fell swoop. Rob informed members that Teddie Daley is likely to resign due to health problems, and that Kelly Jackson's term ends at the end of the year. (she may renew). Other member's terms are also up soon.

Rob presented some names of others who may be interested in joining the commission: Bob McLeod, Ted Angle, Janis Gillette were named.

Taylor related that there is a current quorum/by-law problem. Commission has 10 members, but one never attends (Meyer), therefore there are actually 9 commission members. So, 5 attending members should be sufficient for a quorum, given our current hardship.

Rob, Taylor, Laura, Anna and Kelly all agreed that a quorum is in attendance at this meeting.

Rob presented information on the Minnedoka Internment Center National Monument. It is threatened by an application to build a feed lot nearby. The Center is one of the National Trust's 11 most threatened sites. Public comment is requested from Preservation Idaho. Members discussed whether of not HHPC should send comment opposing the feedlot application near the monument. Anna suggested the commission email a letter Preservation Idaho.

Taylor made a motion to write a brief email in support on the MICNM, seconded by Anna. Motion approved unanimously.

Rob informed members about Boise's Heritage House Tour, Oct 10th. Comment was made that the hospital has (or has not?) been a good neighbor to the historic homes surrounding it in Boise.

Minutes of previous meeting presented. Rob made a few corrections. Anna questioned funding levels, \$6,000 or \$2,000, and had a question about the joint meeting with the Museum Board, the cost of the flyer, and Joan Davies' involvement.

Anna motioned to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Taylor. Approved unanimously.

A Web Site Subcommittee was organized. Anna, Laura and Rob would work on this.

Recapping the new membership issue, Rob said that he would request letters of interest from Bob McLeod, Janice Gillette and Ted Angle. Laura said she had previous experience with Ted Angle and found it good. Anna suggested Kim Garvin as a possible member. Taylor agreed to ask Garvin to consider membership and ask Garvin to write a letter.

Rob addressed issue of HHPC Goals for 2007-2008.

Taylor and Rob to work on the Award Plaque Concept.

Fund Raising efforts were discussed in relation to funding an award program. The City will be asked to assist with a grant-writing request. Laura comments that she has an Idaho Grant source, and would be glad to research possible grant sources. Some suggestions from the members included finding out if Rotary, Cimino Foundation or the Friedman Foundation might be possible funding sources. It was decided that a budget should be put together for the award plaques.

Discussion on supporting nominations for National Registry of Historic Places. The progress of the local Masonic Lodge's application for NRHP designation was updated. The HHPC has discussed its support of this application at a previous meeting. Kelly had suggested a "Contest" concept; Rob desired not to make it a popularity contest. The Manson's membership is willing to pay for part of the application costs (public/private partnership).

Kelly asked if we could do other NRHP application grants before any Federal dollars show up. Can we bank on it? Rob expressed confidence that federal dollars will be available for funding. Kelly suggested a letter should be sent to other potential owners for possible funding for NRHP application. Kelly will draft it.

Rob suggested that a packet/flyer can point to our web site for information/FAQ regarding the NRHP.

Laura added that we should remember NRHP does NOT mean a structure can't be torn down.

Kelly commented on a program in Virginia City, MT. A similar program themed "Hailey Historic Tours", also "Haunted Hailey" program?

New Business: letter received by P&Z was forwarded to HPC regarding a proposed new addition and garage at 315 E. Carbonate. Discussion on architect's elevation sheets, plan and Design Review guidelines are to be considered by Hearing Examiner. It was decided the HPC would "pass" on making an official judgment on this at this time, because of the difficulty in reading and understanding the new architectural drawings (elevations do not clearly discern existing and new structures).

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.