Historic Resources Board Meeting

Minutes
Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 3PM
Community Service Center, 3rd floor Conference Rm
Conference Call: (425) 436-6372 with access code 254398

I. Call to Order (2:59PM)
Present: Henry Lussy (Vice-Chair), Mary Lynn McKenna (by phone), Bob Wren, and Gayla Hess (HPO); public per sign-in sheet

II. Approval of the Minutes from the meeting of February 20, 2020.
Motion made by Bob Wren with a second by Henry Lussy to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Passed 3-0.

III. Unfinished Business

a. Follow-up for Demolition Review -Root Barn at 356 Trapper Way (Warm Springs)

HPO reported that MT State Hospital sent email (05/26) agreeing to donate requested material from the root barn for use in the Glover cabin – thanks to Bob for helping with request.

Applicant was not interested in on-site interpretation (would encourage traffic/visitors), article on Warm Springs campus ($ and DPHHS Public Info Officer approval), or inviting Copper Village Museum staff to identify artifacts of interest to the museum (safety)

Tracey will coordinate with Planning Office; preparing to rebid demo.

Mr. Lussy asked about how the wood would be procured and stored. Hess will ask Road Dept. for help and storage area but may reach out to members for help with pick-up.

b. Preservation Plan

i. TIF grant application
HPO spoke of the URA application to request $8500 as Community Enrichment for the historic preservation plan and reminded the group of the $20k granted by Main Streets program.

ii. HRB funds
HPO asked the group to consider HRB funds to commit to the project and stated the current contract year allows for $1,835.

Other than HPO salary, volunteer in-kind time, and in-kind meeting spaces the only other expense to date was $25 in copies for the Bingo event for May Pres. Month.

Mr. Lussy asked if funds could be used for the Glover Cabin. Hess stated that there are not enough funds to hire a contractor for the foundation work.

Mr. Wren asked about how a $30,000 target was set for the plan with Hess responding the goal was set by ALDC after seeing other plans and speaking with contractors. Mr. Wren suggested that $1,000 or $1,500 of the funds be committed to the plan- leaving some funds to be used for other projects the group may find in the year.

Ms. McKenna agreed that some money should be kept in the fund for other projects throughout the year.

Mr. Wren moved to contribute $1,500 to the historic preservation plan with a second by Mr Lussy. Motion passed 3-0.

c. Tourism (brown) signs
Ms. Hess showed the newest design for the signs and reported that the 2 signs have been ordered for a total cost $14,000. She also stated that Accelerate Anaconda is contributing $5k, and an application to the TIFD has been submitted to cover the remainder. Signs are an ineligible expense for HRB funds.

Mr. Lussy stated that a previous bid had been in the neighborhood of $40,000.

IV. New Business

a. Demolition of 807 W. Park (Town Pump owned property)

Hess quickly summarized the demolition permit from Town Pump, applicant presence at the most recent Planning Board meeting for a map amendment request and thanked the representatives for being present to discuss mitigation for the loss of the contributing property.

Mr. Jeremy Salle, DOWL representative, spoke about the map amendment recommendation of approval by the Planning Board,

convenience store expansion with upgraded siding, the expanded sidewalk on the west side of the property, and the privacy fence which will be erected between the Town Pump properties and residences to the east.

Mr. Dan Sampson, Town Pump representative, estimated that the house has been advertised as free for move/salvage since September or October and stated that they would be happy to allow salvage for donation.

Mr.Ungaretti asked about the cost to move the house. Mr. Sampson heard of a bid of $30,000 and spoke of concerns for the house after move.

Mr. Wren asked about the date of the house and if it would be possible to go inside the residence. Mr. Sampson said that a tour could be possible and suggested that the brick from the garage could be re-used. Hess found that the house was estimated from 1896 and was originally brick. HPO suggested that the brick could be offered to local groups or Butte CPR for re-use.

Mr. Lussy asked if trees had been a consideration in the overall plan. Mr. Salle said that landscaping is part of the plan and there will be tree/shrubs with an irrigation system.

Mr. Sampson spoke to the group about how the exterior façade of the store will include lapboard siding, brick, and will have copper integrated for historical nature of the area. He also said that he would coordinate with Ms. Hess for brick coordination.

b. Planning future events
    i. Brick Presentation
    HPO reported that a brick presentation was in the works before events were cancelled due to COVID. Mr. Wren suggested that other speakers could be contacted and that the HRB could sponsor a monthly BYO lunch talk- possibly starting in August. Ms. McKenna suggested that the Copper Village could be a meeting space for the events. Mr. Lussy recommended inviting a historical architect to speak.

    ii. Outreach
    Ms. Hess reported that as the board has only three members and requested that members try recruiting for the board.

c. Semiannual report to the Commission
Mr. Lussy suggested that the report be given at a later date after the HRB has had more opportunity to meet and made a motion to postpone report. Mr. Wren seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

d. Glenn's Dam NR sign
HPO reported that the Parks & Rec Director offered to pay for district sign and to have staff install. Draft narrative by first or second week in July will be passed to board for review.

V. Miscellaneous/Announcements

a. Board
Mr. Lussy asked Mr. Ungaretti if trees were a consideration for demolition projects. Mr. Ungaretti stated sometimes, and that landscaping is a consideration when lots are to be left vacant. Joe briefed the board on the tree fence, comprised of three types of trees, at the east entrance to town and that trees are to be planted next year.

Mr. Wren mentioned a tree program that existed in Wasco, CA where the loss of a tree required the planting of two new trees.

Henry voiced his concern over the loss of trees. Joe suggested involvement in the tree board and noted that a plan for the cottonwoods in Washoe is needed.

b. Public
None.

VI. Public Comment – This is the time for the public to comment on items NOT appearing on the agenda that fall within the board's jurisdiction.

None.

VII. Next Meeting: July 23 at 3PM.

VIII. Adjournment (3:50PM)