

Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting minutes 9/1/11

Present: Brian Corcoran, Ann Braak, Carol Coyle Guest: John Bertram, Planmakers

Brian called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. There was not a quorum present. The meeting minutes of 6/21/11 were reviewed. The members present approved the minutes contingent upon approval by Bob Fairbrother. The minutes will be emailed to Bob.

John Bertram of Planmakers was present to discuss the final draft of the McCall Historic Preservation Plan. Members provided comments and additional information will be sent to John for the final product to include current Council members' names and information from the Idaho Heritage City application. The nomination of the Asst. Fire Warden's House also needs to be included. John would like all comments and suggested changes back to him by September 12.

Mr. Bertram commented that the City has done a good job of documenting its historic resources. The resources are spread out in the area, so he agrees that it is difficult to create a historic district. He feels that McCall doesn't get the credit it should from the State Historic Preservation Office for the resources that are here. However, he stated that listing a building on the National Register of Historic Places is important but that it should not be the primary mission of the Historic Preservation Commission. The Historic Preservation Plan describes a bigger overall effort to document and promote these resources by the City and the Commission.

Mr. Bertram suggested that staff from the SHPO be invited to tour McCall and to review the recommendations in the Preservation Plan. He also recommended that additional survey work could be done on area buildings and mentioned the Sylvan Beach Ice House as well as the adjacent "Slab House." He has met with the owners and believes that they might be interested in pursuing a nomination for their property. He also recommended that area building contractors be provided with educational workshops on building restoration so that when area buildings are remodeled, their historic integrity is preserved as much as possible.

Members discussed potential projects for the upcoming Certified Local Grant application period. Carol will contact SHPO staff and invite them up to discuss if nominating certain buildings or having educational workshops would be a viable grant projects.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Carol Coyle



Brian Corcoran, Chairperson