

Minutes of Meeting
Historic Preservation Commission
March 9, 2021
1:30 p.m.

The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Chris Fillios, Commissioner Leslie Duncan and Commissioner Bill Brooks met to discuss the following agenda items. Also present were BOCC Communications Manager Nancy Jones and Deputy Clerk Tina Ginorio. Also present was Acting Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission Walter Burns.

- A. Call to Order:** Chairman Chris Fillios called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.
- B. Changes to the Agenda (Action):** There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Business (Action):**

Annual Report presented by Commission Member Walter Burns

Acting Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission Walter Burns mentioned that the group would be voting for their permanent officers in their meeting next week.

Mr. Burns stated that the group had reached two major milestones in 2020. He explained that the Pend Oreille City archeological site, at the south end of Lake Pend Oreille, had been officially added to the National Register of Historic Places. He said they were preparing a press release, which would be sent to the Board for approval soon.

Mr. Burns said the second big project they completed was the reconnaissance survey of the Garden District in downtown Coeur d'Alene. He remarked that this ended up being a much larger project than they had initially expected; there were 530 structures included, not the originally listed 300. He stated that the consultant who prepared the survey said he felt strongly that the Garden District was eligible for the National Historic Preservation List. He reported that the survey had been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office for review. He added that the State had requested that the project then pass into the hands of the newly formed Coeur d'Alene Historic Preservation Commission.

Mr. Burns stated that they were working now with three different grants, the first of which was a 2020 grant for a reconnaissance survey of the Cougar Gulch area. He said the second one was a 2021 grant in the amount of \$7,000, which was intended to cover a survey of some yet-to-be specified historic area or areas within the County. He noted that the third grant was for members of the Commission to attend the annual Heritage Conference, which would be held this fall in Pocatello.

Mr. Burns commented that one of the new members had proposed producing a series of short videos highlighting historic sites and activities in the County that could be added to the County website, if the Board approved. He said they were in the early stages of discussion on this project. He added that he hoped the Commission would become more decisive and action-oriented in the future.

In response to questions from Chairman Fillios, Mr. Burns explained how buildings were chosen for the Historic Registers.

Commissioner Leslie Duncan asked whether the group would hold their essay contest.

Mr. Burns said they were not, but they would consider doing it again in the future.

Commissioner Duncan suggested that, in connection with restarting the essay contest, the group put out the word that they were looking for high school amateur video makers, for the short films he had mentioned.

Mr. Burns said he liked that idea very much and would add it to the agenda for the next meeting.

D. Public Comment: This section is reserved for citizens wishing to address the Board regarding a County related issue. Idaho Law prohibits Board action on items brought under this section except in an emergency circumstance. Comments related to future public hearings should be held for that public hearing. There were no public comments.

E. Adjournment (Action): Chairman Fillios adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

CHRIS FILLIOS, CHAIRMAN

BY: _____
Tina Ginorio, Deputy Clerk
