

Minutes of Meeting
Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
DATE: August 18, 2021
TIME: 3:30 p.m.

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Walter Burns at 3:30 pm.

1. Opening Protocols:

Russ Brown gave opening protocols

2. Roll Call:

Present were Chair Walter Burns, Laurie Mauser, Courtney Beebe & Russ Brown. Excused by prior arrangement were Jonathan Mueller, Joe Piedmont & Jennifer DeRose

3. Introduce Guests:

There were no guests.

B. Business (Action Items)

Agenda Item #1 – Current Project Status

1a. Cougar Gulch – Update by Courtney Beebe

Her general comments:

1. She and Sharon made it to all but eight (8) of the properties which were visible from the road
2. Sharon has been in contact with SHPO about next steps related to the properties not visited; may use assessor's information; working on what forms & related information to provide for the eight (8) parcels
3. Only two (2) of the eight (8) are considered vital to the effort – the Stack Road Properties
4. Report to be done by August 31; in addition information on the Century Farm and Ranch Program will also be provided which a number of the properties with barns will qualify for;
5. Walter asked how many properties were assessed and Courtney replied the number was 36.

Laurie noted that there should be enough information to make a judgement utilizing assessor's information or at the least, Google Earth images.

Courtney noted that the work is very complete on the properties with barns and we should be done on-time with the project.

Laurie asked for a draft for review as there has been great momentum but in consideration of the options related to the 7K grant money, there may be more to do

and this could be a destination for some of that money, depending on Sharon's conclusions. Laurie also outlined the Century Farm and Ranch Program qualifications.

Courtney noted that based Laurie's outline, the farms that might qualify are the Mooney and Johnson farms. Sharon will provide information on those that qualify plus others in the county that have previously qualified.

Walter noted that SHPO would not be involved in the designation and Laurie said this was correct.

A general discussion ensued about next steps related to additional work on the barns & NE County needs in the context of a re-purposed 7k grant funding and concluded with the following dialogue:

1. Courtney asked about a good way to notify the folks in Cougar Gulch about the survey noting that if we want to do something thematic, could we go back to those that agree to participate for more discussion and effort
2. Laurie suggested a social event at the community hall and Sharon could give presentation along with possibilities
3. Courtney agreed and summarized previous outreach efforts with Cougar Gulch; will wait for Sharon's arrival & her report to consider scheduling such an event.

No action necessary.

1b. Northeast County – Update by Laurie Mauser

1. Narrowed down survey area on presented map including buildings & features; estimates that there are thirty (30) properties to look at
2. We can specify locations in the RFP; i.e. – Chilco Dam, Cedar Mountain Ranch, etc.; no reason to reinvent wheel
3. No need to Athol or, in the least, very little, if at all
4. Bayview not eligible for a district but we may review the edge of the bay & the lime kilns & quarries
5. RFP can also include schedule of work
6. 7K should be more than enough to complete the work

General agreement expressed with Laurie Mauser's summary.

No action necessary.

Agenda Item #2 – Subcommittee Reports

Planning Subcommittee –

Walter Burns noted that a meeting with Doug Eastwood of the State Parks Board has been arranged to discuss Pen d'Oreille City efforts.

Laurie noted that a potential project identified by the subcommittee is a GIS layer updates for the county with more clarity on labeling and correct spelling

Government Affairs Subcommittee –

Courtney noted that there has been no meeting or progress to report; committee to meet on September 8th; have discussed moving forward with development of a new Historic Preservation Plan much like the City of Cd'A has done; also interested in re-visiting the 'inadvertent finding of cultural resources protocol'; general agreement that these are worthy efforts to pursue

Education/Outreach Subcommittee –

Russ noted that with Joe taking a new job there has been little progress; Russ did note that a friend of his is involved with the development of the Navy's new USS Idaho and has asked for the consideration for our potential involvement in the PR/History package the Navy would like to pursue; general agreement by committee to do so.

No action necessary.

C. Open Floor

- a. Laurie reminded everyone of the upcoming historic preservation conference in Pocatello at the end of September.

D. Adjourn

There being no further discussion of agenda items or public comment, Russ Brown moved to adjourn the meeting; Courtney Beebe seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Chair Walter Burns adjourned the meeting at 4:34 pm.

Jonathan Mueller, Committee Secretary