

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 16, 2010

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was held in the Chizmar Conference Room, 1st Floor, Borough Administrative Offices, 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. by Claus Naske, Chairman.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Claus Naske
Allen Renfroe
James Johnson
LaJuana Williams
Patricia Sackinger

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Bouton, Staff Representative

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jim Allan

A. ROLL CALL

B. MESSAGES

1. Chairman's Comments
None

2. Staff's Comments
Jeff Bouton said that he got a call from Dermott Cole asking if he could post the list of people that have tentatively agreed to the Historic Signage project. When we have the signed agreements then we can give the list to Dermott Cole – if he puts something in the Newsminer then people might come forward with photos.

3. Citizen's Comments
None

C. *MINUTES

MOTION: Moved and seconded that Minutes of February 16, 2010 be approved.

VOTE: No objections

MINUTES APPROVED

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Moved and seconded that Agenda be approved.

VOTE: No objections

MEETING AGENDA APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Historic Signage Project – Phase I

- The University has archives of pictures that might be useful for the signage project.
- Will need extra copies of the photographs made for the State.
- Digital photo format will work for making extra copies.
- A letter was received from DOT – Daniel Osborne’s request concerning the railroad and signs that can be posted at Ballaine Road and Sheep Creek Road. According to DOT, Glenn Potts said that Mr. Osborne contacted him a couple of years ago and at that time it was determined that his request didn’t meet their requirements. He said that you need to have a facility to look at instead of just something posted in the trees. Mr. Potts suggested that the back side of Ballaine Road – there is a pull out weigh station area that is part of DOT’s right-of-way – the cut for the railroad goes right along it both ways. He said there is a way that you can put interpretive signs in pull outs but DOT is not going to fabricate them or install the signs. If we have some money left over in this project – this could become possible. It can’t be a stand-up sign – it has to be a 45 or 35 degree angle - the reason is because they don’t want it to become a traffic hazard. They don’t want people to be driving and looking at the sign – they would like them to pull over in the pull out and view the sign.
- The Historic Preservation could produce the sign and the Tanana Valley Railroad can install it.
- Jeff Bouton will call Daniel Osborne and see if we get the money to do the sign if they will have it installed.
- Question raised about Hair Body and Sol – is the Sol definition for sun or tanning or did they mean Hair, Body and Soul – address 315 Illinois Street, Kargin LLC. The owner is in Anchorage and she thought it was a great idea.
- Jeff Bouton asked if we wanted to list that the house on 315 Illinois Street is currently run as a salon.
- No response from the Johnson / Hayr House on 303 Illinois Street.
- Falcon Joslin House at 413 Cowles Street – the owner has pass away and at one time there was a For Sale sign on the house.
- The residence at 310 Cowles has not responded.
- F.E. Company Manager’s home, 757 Illinois Street – word around town is that DOT is going to do something with the F.E. Company home as part of identifying things when they redo Illinois Street – if they are doing that, we need to find out what is part of their project.
- Jeff Bouton said he talked with DOT and said that the Historic Preservation did not want to duplicate if they were putting up signs. They said that they are not going to put up signs for individual properties on houses but they are going to put up a sign identifying the Illinois Street district.
- There was a report in 2005 talking about Kelley’s Firestone Tire to use as a shelter or museum for old machine equipment.
- If we can’t get digital photos – should we get the photos in 8” x 10” and how should they be paid for.
- Jeff Bouton said that they will be paid for out of the grant money.
- Make a trip to the University of Alaska to check out their archives of historical photographs. We can go ahead and order the photos so we can choose which photos we want to use.

- The Historic Preservation Commission should get about 4 or 5 pictures of each signage location before meeting with the property owner to have something to show the people. Don't necessarily need all the photos to meet with the people.
- Pictures will be received on CD Rom.
- On the signage agreement, it states in the event of default – that makes the Owner liable – what if they want to sell the house. If the new owner does not want to sign up – how does a property owner get out from under this agreement? This could put a damper on house sales. This is not a reasonable agreement.
- The verbiage in the signage agreement that says - A draft copy of the sign and its contents is attached as Exhibit 1 – this won't be possible at the time of having the people sign the agreement.
- Change this to read reasonably accessible instead of fully accessible: I /We understand that the sign is being erected for the purpose of sharing Fairbanks history with the general public and agree to make it fully accessible to the viewing public.
- The last sentence about transferring or selling the property – making it a binding agreement for the new owners – this needs to be re-written or deleted – this could cancel a sale on the property.
- Talked about setting up 2 days for interviewing potential signage property owners – March 31st and April 1st.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Correspondence

- Pedestrian bridge from 3700 series barracks to the Montgomery Road area: No Historic Properties Adversely Affected by Construction of a Pedestrian Bridge.
- Supplemental notice of proposed changes in the regulations of the Department of Natural Resources: We have until March 30th to make any recommendations on this – nothing to say on this item.

G. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.