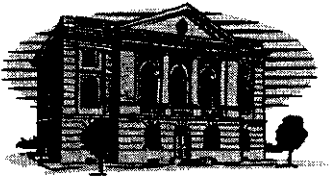


Spirit Lake Historical Preservation Commission

Regular Meeting November 20, 2023

Spirit Lake Community and Senior Center 7 o'clock pm

Minutes



Roll Call Present: Althea Sondahl, Chuck Orr, Robb Shacklett, Steve Stoke,

Guests: Honor Franey, Mona Stafford, Ron Bidwell,

Chuck moved, Robb second to Approve Minutes of October 16, 2023 Meeting-Approved.

Old Business

Commission Member Search -no progress

Tenant Letters-no progress

Urban Renewal Update-Althea attended November meeting. Urban Renewal positive toward using funds for historical preservation commission. They need to use funds before they end.

Security Lighting-Paddy not present so no report

Measuring of Square Feet cleared of lathe and plaster to determine cost per sq. ft-no progress

Discussed plans for dumpsters or dump trucks -Chuck is ready to bring his dump truck for the debris accumulated in the Woolen Brown building from floor covering removals. Chuck reported on the cost of the dumpsters he has just been using. Two dumpsters at \$800.00/each with dump fees bringing the total cost to around \$2,400.00. Robb is also researching dumpster costs for lathe and plaster but has not yet reached Cannon Hill company. It seems using dump trucks for general debris and dumpster for lathe and plaster may be the best direction to consider. Will bring it up again when we get to plans for next Work Day.

New Business

Discussed attending December Council meeting and requesting process for accessing funds from Woolen Brown Account which is currently at \$4,603.77 plus \$5.00 recently submitted by Althea from recycling fund raising. **Chuck moved and Steve second that we attend the December 12 Council meeting with a Report for the City Council on our progress and also clarify how we access the Woolen Brown Funds and asking that Althea Sondahl be the designated person to represent the Commission for using the funds in the future now that James K. Brown is deceased. Motion Approved.** Althea agreed to write a Progress Report for the City Council.

Discussion was held on next steps for the Woolen Brown building restoration. The list of what needs to be done in the building on the first floor and in the basement was read. Much of what remains to be done in interior demolition apart from removing Lathe and plaster appear to be relatively small jobs compared to where we started. The need to uncover and replace windows was considered. We agreed that we need more security before exposing or putting in windows due to the potential for vandalism. It was discovered at the last work day on November 18th that the basement door window was knocked out allowing the possibility of reaching inside and turning the door bolt and opening the door. It was not clear whether whoever broke the window succeeded in entering the building, if so, no major impact was detected. .

Steve moved and Chuck second for our Commission to attend the Urban Renewal Meeting on December 4 at 6:30 and request \$1,000.00 to spend on security system of lights and video. Motion Approved. .

We made a plan to put up the "Cheers for this building 100 years old" banner loaned to us by Kootenai County Historical Preservation Commission. We will put it up on the east side by attaching it to the wooden sign already up on that side by setting up ladder on the landing of the fire escape.

We talked about taking down the west side fire escape. Robb will talk to Paul about crane work for that. A plan for what to do with it after it is removed is needed.

Review Work Days November 4-The floor in the Boys locker room was removed, shoveled up, and transported by wheel barrow to the room by the basement door. The wainscoting in the original office was removed also. Those present that day were: Mona, Roger, Robb, Eli, and Althea.

November 18- The wainscoting piled in the old office was moved to the basement area of saved materials. The trim around the pass through created in the old office into the hallway was removed on both the hallway and office side. Shelves from Senior storage area in the northwest room were removed. That room continues to be emptied slowly but surely. The wheelchairs and other paraphernalia will be moved in the future. It was noted that the chairs that were in City Hall and have been replaced by newer chairs are now being stored by the City in the entry area of the Woolen Brown building.

Plan Next Work Day- The next Work Day will be December 9 since that day Chuck can bring the dump truck. Debris from earlier work days will be moved out that day.

Chuck moved to adjourn, Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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