

City of Sidney Historic Preservation Board
Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015

The meeting of the City of Sidney Historic Preservation Board was called to order by Kay Hicks, Chair of the Board at 12:06 p.m. Announcement of the Open Public Meetings Act was acknowledged.

Roll Call: Kay Hicks, Greg Huck, Bruce Leypoldt, Kathy Wilson and Rich Phillips. Members absent included Jake Vickery and Scott Williams. Additional attendees included: Economic Development Director Tina Hochwender and Chief Building Official Brad Rowan.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Leypoldt moved and Huck seconded to approve the August 11, 2015 minutes amending motion to approve COA and the requested façade enhancement grant funds for an awning over the front door at 1516 10th Avenue, the French Door Antique shop from 7 members present voting yeas to 4 members present voting yeas, Vickery voting no, and Wilson abstaining. All members present voted “yes.”

Certificate of Approval Requests:

There were no COA requests.

CLG Grant Project Updates:

Hochwender reported the 2015 Certified Local Government Grant, which was awarded to the City of Sidney in the amount of \$25,000.00 to do an Intensive Level Survey of Sidney’s Old Town Plat. A public notice for the “Request for Proposal” with the criteria and qualifications needed to conduct the survey were published in the newspaper and posted on the City’s website. RFPs were due August 17th at 4pm. Two (2) RFPs were received and routed to the HPB members and City staff for review and ranking. A ranking sheet was provided to assist with scoring the proposals. The two (2) RFPs received were from Front Range Research Associates, Inc. and Historic Resources Group, Inc. The HPB discussed the proposals received.

Roll Call was taken to identify a preferred proposal.

Kay Hicks – Front Range
Greg Huck – Front Range
Bruce Leypoldt – Front Range
Kathy Wilson – Front Range
Rich Phillips – Front Range

Huck moved and Leypoldt seconded that based on Roll Call preference to accept the Front Range proposal and extend an offer to preform services with Front Range Research Associates, Inc. to conduct an Intensive Level Survey of Sidney’s Old Town Plat in accordance with the RFP. All members present voted “yes.”

Other Comments:

Hochwender reported that Rich Phillips is working with a Ryan Reed with the State Historic Preservation Board on the renovation of his property. Mr. Reed has offered to come to the next HPB meeting to give a presentation on state assistance for historic building renovations. Discussion ensued. Hochwender will confirm with Mr. Reed and invite him to present at the next HPB meeting on October 13th.

Hochwender stated that the October 13th meeting will be back in City Hall in the Council Room and the November 10th HPB meeting will be in the Fire Hall again. Hochwender will ensure the public notices reflect the change in meeting place.

Hicks gave an update stating that the window installation is almost complete on their project.

Wilson gave an update on the 3 houses that are being demolished by a private owner near 11th Avenue and Linden Streets. Suggest looking into extending the historic district into residential neighborhoods or at least having signs or markers identifying historic homes in Sidney.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Tina Hochwender