

MEETING MINUTES OF THE HAILEY ARTS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
City of Hailey Council Chambers at 4:00pm

Present: Carol Waller, Frank Rowland, Michele Johnson, Joan Davies, Errin Bliss, Bryce Ternet

Staff: Lisa Horowitz, Robyn Davis, Chris Simms

Guests: Matt Engel, Jeremy Lange

Call to Order

4:00pm Waller called the meeting to order.

New Business

- 1) Welcome Bryce Ternet, new voting member!
- 2) Consideration of a Historic Demolition Application submitted by FAPO Holdings Idaho, LLC, for demolition of the Forest Service Warehouse Building, currently known as the Wood River Sustainability Center, located at 308 South River Street -- **Action Item**

4:01pm Horowitz provided background of project. Horowitz noted that the City would like to protect the entire complex and relocate it, if possible. Horowitz noted that the Sage School is also interested in all four buildings and would like to recreate the buildings on their new site out Quigley. Other ideas have been discussed.

Jeremy Lange would like to have an honest discussion about buildings. Lange noted that, at some time, parcels will be redeveloped. Lange noted that the only building protected is the warehouse building (WR Sustainability Center). Lange noted that that's not the direction they'd like to go; hoping to preserve the buildings and/or relocate, if possible. Lange noted that one option would be for the property owner to donate the buildings to the City. The City would help relocate said buildings. Lange would like to see the buildings utilized by public in another capacity. Lange noted that this is an opportunity to permanently protect all buildings onsite, rather than preserve just one.

Horowitz also noted that Staff has connected with a Landscape Architect, Chase Gouley, to help assist with other relocation ideas; possibly replace the townsquare idea. Horowitz believes the buildings need to be animated and used to be successful, rather than sit vacant. Simms noted that there's potential for other uses; requests input from the Commission. Horowitz suggested possibly having a special meeting from the Board, before the Council meeting, to discuss latest updates. Johnson believes the buildings need to stay together. Johnson also doesn't believe the buildings should be relocated to Quigley.

Rowland suggested that the Blaine County Museum inhabit these buildings on a vacant parcel within the City. Simms questioned whether storage for additional sheep wagons is needed. Rowland hasn't heard. Rowland believes phasing the relocation would be more practical, rather than moving all at once. Board agreed. Lange verified that their priority, at this time, is to find a new home for the warehouse building, but hope to preserve all buildings at a later date.

Davies believes we need more time for solid discussion. Engel noted that the owners of the property would like to deed buildings elsewhere, where buildings can be displayed together. Engel discussed history of Ketchum Forest Service Buildings and lot.

Horowitz questioned whether there is another site that the Board would like to see the Landscape Architect sketch – townsquare, Park-n-Ride, Roberta McKercher, Lions Park, Quigley, etc. Simms would like to hear Board's thoughts on buildings moving to Quigley to be repurposed as the Sage School. Ternet is hesitant to support the relocation of the buildings out Quigley; however, believes if there is no other option, he would be in favor of preserving buildings, rather than losing them. Bliss would also like to see buildings within downtown core, rather than out Quigley.

Horowitz noted that the City is underemployed to manage space and run a townsquare. Johnson suggested retaining businesses within buildings and renting them out to other businesses. Johnson noted that she is not willing to give up on townsquare site with Forest Service Buildings as part of the site. Waller suggested that the BCHM relocate to one of the buildings, as the center of the townsquare. Waller questioned whether the historical integrity would be degraded if buildings were relocated. Horowitz didn't have an answer, but believes it might.

Horowitz questioned lot size of all buildings. Engel believes about 28,000 square feet.

Lange noted that they are present to work collaboratively. Bliss questioned the timeline. Engel would like to move the building early spring, ideally. Rowland believes concept of Board is to save all buildings that are currently there. Rowland agreed that there is no jurisdictional authority to keep owner from doing what they want with buildings; however, Rowland would like to find a site where all buildings will be retained in some configuration and the historical integrity preserved.

Horowitz questioned other sites downtown. Rowland believes a large parcel will be needed to accommodate the large building.

Engel noted that the new ownership group will likely sell the building(s). Discussion ensued.

Horowitz questioned whether Board needs to have a special meeting before Council meeting. Simms suggested that the Board have another meeting, as a recommending body to City Council. Rowland believes spokesperson from group should address Council. Rowland will attend and convey to Council that the Commission prefers to preserve the buildings and keep buildings together.

3) Budget Update (if time permits) -- *Action Item*

- i. Hawley Graphics – Plaque for Jane’s Mural/Historic Wall
- ii. Costs Associated with Owl Mural

4) Strategic Planning Discussion FY 2020 Continued (if time permits)

No discussion took place, as time did not allow.

Old Business, In-Progress & Status Reports

- 1) Adoption of the Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2019 -- *Action Item*

No discussion took place, as time did not allow.

Discussion topics for next Agenda (November 12, 2019 @ 4:00PM)

- 1) Reappointments for:
 - a. Joan Davies
 - b. Daniel Hansen
 - c. Michele Johnson

Adjourn

****Myrtle Street Sheep Unveiling at 5:00pm on the corner of Myrtle Street and Main Street****