

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Butte Silver Bow Council Chambers
5:30 P.M.**

February 1, 2022

Members Present: Steve Hinick, Mitzi Rossillon, John Riordan, Jennifer Petersen, Bobbi Stauffer, and John Weitzel

Excused Absence: Tracy Miller

Staff: Karen Byrnes, Interim HPO

I. Call to Order: The Historic Preservation Commission Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

II. Roll Call: one member excused, and a quorum established.

III. Reading/Approval of Minutes: Mr. Hinick motioned to approve the minutes for the November 2, 2021, and December 7, 2021 meetings, Mr. Riordan seconded the motion. The voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

IV. Public Comment – Items on Agenda: None

V. New/Old Business

a. **New Historic Preservation Officer** - Mr. Hinick asked Karen to give a report on the new HPO. Karen introduced Kate the new HPO and showed a picture of her so the commission could meet her virtually. Kate said she is looking forward to meeting all of them. Karen said they are preparing her room for her so when she arrives, she will be welcomed into her new office, and we are very excited for her to join us. She is with the Montana History Foundation right now. She has worked in Virginia City and the City of Great Falls. Kate said she is really honored to have this job and can't wait to begin and meet all of them. Mr. Hinick said thank you and he thanked Karen and John Riordan for being on this search committee. We have a great history of nice and well qualified HPO's, and we welcome you to the fold.

b. **Demo Review COA: 57 W. Platinum – Update on Progress** - Mr. Hinick recapped that this is a wood butchers house, garage, and the owner is intending to restore and refurbish the existing house. Karen said she just wanted to let the commission know that all the demolition that was scheduled has taken place already. They were able to leave a few of the elements that they thought were

charming to them. They thought it added to the charm of the house and they weren't necessarily historic elements. They left the little pergola over the sidewalk and entrance into the yard, and it looks charming. They are working on the rest of the demolition. They are going to do some site grading. Repairs to the roof, repairs to the siding where it was damaged. It's going to look great when it is complete. Mr. Hinick said he didn't see the whole demo, but he did see that the garage was removed, and it looks like they are moving forward, it's a good time of year to get that done. The foundation obviously if there is one that needs to be removed.

- c. **CLG Grant Application 2022-2023: Review & Approval** – Mr. Hinick said he knows that it is important part of what we have done here in Silver Bow as far as historic preservation. Karen gave the commission a brief overview. The Grant application is very similar to the grant application that we submitted last year; in fact, it is pretty much the same because the activities haven't changed. The amount of funds that we have applied for are \$6,000 and our budget has basically stayed the same because we are showing all the funds of your time, others time, the office space, and all the other activities that we complete as part of this grant application. With your review and approval, we will be submitting it to the Council of Commissioners for their review and approval tomorrow night so we can get that off to the State Historic Preservation Office and secure our Grant of \$6,000. We are asking your review of that. I did receive all the members information that we are required to submit. We are slated to bill quarterly for these funds. They come in at \$1,500 a quarter. Mr. Hinick said that in the past our members have given hours of time that they have spent. A lot of our members on the commission did due diligence on several request for demolition and rehab, I don't know if we have that together but, in the past, we had a little sheet that we would verify and lay down the hours that we had outside our meetings. I don't know if Kate Hampton is still at the state running this but did propose and have permitted the goals of the Historic Preservation Commission. We are a golden child as far as the state goes on Historic Preservation and being on the CLG community and I think we have a lot to be proud of that way. I have reviewed the application and if all the addresses have been verified then I'm ready to sign that whenever you're ready. Mr. Hinick moved that they approve the application for 2022 - 2023 Certified Local Government Grant. Mr. Hinick asked for a second. Mr. Weitzel seconded the motion. The voice vote in favor of the motion was unanimous.

- VI. **Staff/Member Reports:** Mr. Hinick thanked Bobbi for being on the SARTA Board and asked if there was anything that they might be interested in the future. Ms. Stauffer apologized for not asking to have this on the agenda. Ms. Stauffer said last week that SARTA voted final approval of the Grant cycle from 2021. They approved roughly \$450,000 for 23 projects. I believe that half of those projects might be coming to us, they would be altering the facades of historic buildings. I don't need to go though all 23

of them but for Historic Preservation \$85,000 was allocated; \$17,000 for the Mary McClain Home façade rehabilitation, \$25,000 each to the YMCA and the ExerDance buildings, \$8,000 to help preserve the exterior feature at Camp Castle Rock, and \$10,000 to help a gentleman renovate the exterior of an apartment building on the 600 block of Travonia. There are really good Historic Preservation projects, I think. Mr. Hinick said he looks forward to a lot of good progress here in Butte Silver Bow.

VII. Announcements: Ms. Rossillon said periodically we as part of the demolition conditions are to allow materials for salvage and I wanted to let the commission know if they didn't already, that is an important part and we have been able to get some great materials in the last couple of years. Most recently we got the tin ceiling from the ExerDance building. We have had a lot of interest from the public in buying that material. They worked with us very well to accommodate their workers and our schedule to be able to recover it. In the last year we have also recovered flooring and trim from buildings and all sorts of material. I just want you to know its not a trivial condition, its something that means a lot to Butte CPR because that money is then turned around and given out as grants as part of our historic preservation program. Grants between \$500 and \$2,000 are given to individuals to do exterior improvements. I just wanted to let you know that these are actually happening.

VIII. Public Comment – Items not on the agenda: None

IX. Adjournment: Mr. Hinick adjourned the meeting.