

MINUTES
TETON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING
TETON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

January 12th; 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Stern called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT WERE: Michael Stern, Treasurer; Sherry Smith, Ryan Nourai, Andy Salter, Mackenzie King, and Kristine Abbey, board members. Staff members Susan Eriksen-Meier and Clare Stumpf were present. Esther Judge Lennox and Morgan Jaouen were also present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda was approved with modifications, moved by Salter and seconded by King. Minutes were approved with modifications, moved by Smith and seconded by King..

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report

Eriksen-Meier has completed the report and will send it to the County Commission and SHPO. She will also put it on the website and King will put it on the Google Drive.

TCHPB Contact List

Eriksen-Meier has exported all emails from Gmail to MailChimp. Smith will help her clean up the list.

Mercer Cabin Relocation

No update.

Frank Johnson Memorial Fund

Jaouen reported that the Fund for Public Education has created a web page and has a donor-designated fund agreement for people to sign and get back to them. A board member should sign the agreement. She has not talked to Sally Johnson. Abbey will help promote the fund and is waiting on a contact list.

Hoback Cabins on County Land

Judge-Lennox would like to relocate them and has checked them out. Stern suggested that she check with Alyssa Watkins. Eriksen-Meier did receive an email from someone who wants a structure on their land in town, and she will connect them.

20 E. Hansen

Judge-Lennox reported that this home was built in 1927, AKA the Steven Leek house. She wrote a letter to the owner and got no response. Smith added that demolishing this home would be a huge loss. It might be eligible for the National Register. Eriksen-Meier will look through MLS records, talk to Engle and then report back to the board.

445 E. Kelly Brown Property RFP

Nourai reported that the County has two RFPs. The Brown property was the first home to have electricity in town. It will go before the Commission in a week. April Norton is aiming to build 18 units, and if historic structures are kept, it could drop to 15. Stern added that they are going to request a design charrette. King said that there is still a plaque on the house from 1917 and that you can see the generator in the basement. The board could submit a letter outlining the importance of the 1917 building and asking to participate in the charrette. King and Nourai will draft the letter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

N/A

Demo Permits

135 N. Cache Street

This demolition permit was given to the board a few hours before the meeting, and Stern said there needs to be a better system with more notice. King reported that the GIS for this building is very limited, and it is unfortunate to see something that fits with the downtown go away for Hotel Jackson. Smith and Nourai think that the public will be upset and also worry about Gaslight Alley. King said that the board could ask for a stay to get more time to do research via HSSM records, County records, and deeds. Nourai mentioned that the Community Character Initiative might want to get involved. Abbey added that requesting a stay could shed light on the problem regarding reviewing these permits last minute. Jaouen said that the board could also talk to the Darwiches. Eriksen-Meier knows them and shared advice about reaching out to them. Abbey and Salter will contact them saying that the board is available for a meeting to explain the reasoning behind the stay. King made a motion to recommend a 30-day stay to research the building. Salter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Town and County Integration 2020

JIM Meeting Update

Stern said that the BCC can appoint one TCHPB representative as they go through the ordinance readings. They are on the third reading. Eriksen-Meier added that the board can apply to be a municipal entity if they choose--most CLGs are municipal.

Grant/Contract Oversight Committee

The board received \$13.5k from SHPO. The Community Foundation declined to match, but the board can also chip in \$5.5k. The budget needs to be redone and incorporate in-kind donations. The board needs to send out an RFP. Eriksen-Meier, Engle and Stern will work on this task.

Strategic Alliances

JHSM Location Move Update

Stern reported that the JHSM has no ability to take the signs. Jaouen said that the museum is not taking large objects and they are in a variable condition. There is a chance that a business here may want to display them or use them.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is February 9, 2021.

Meeting adjourned.

Board Terms:

Monay Olson 6/30/21

Sherry Smith 6/30/21

Ryan Nourai 6/30/22

Kristine Abbey 6/30/22

Kurt Dubbe 6/30/22

Mackenzie King 6/30/23

Michael Stern 6/30/23

Andy Salter 6/30/23