



Douglas Historic Preservation Commission

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**Board Members: Maureen Morgan, Chair; Betsy Flaherty,
Secretary; Jacey Bauman; Adam Hughes; Kenny Simonton; Bill
Sinnard; Lisa Thalken; and Heidi McCullough**
City of Douglas Liaison: Sherri Mullinnix

January 17, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Morgan, at 5:22 p.m.

Members Present: William Sinnard, Jacey Bauman, Maureen Morgan, Lisa Thalken,
Kenny Simonton, Adam Hughes, and Heidi McCullough

Members Absent: Betsy Flaherty

City Liaison: Sherri Mullinnix

It was moved by Bauman, second by Sinnard to approve the minutes of the October 18,
2017 meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Old Business

1) Cemetery Kiosk

Simonton reported the kiosk shelter has been constructed by volunteers and is currently being stored on the Scott Ranch awaiting good weather before being relocated to Park Cemetery. Windy Prairie contacted Mullinnix and, after consulting with Public Works, all parties agreed that the kiosk screen will now be facing south to align the user's view of the map with the layout of the cemetery. Any potential problems with a glare on the screen will be managed by adding shading to the shelter.

2) Railroad Interpretive Center

Mullinnix updated the Commission on the desire by Enterprise and the City to pursue upgrading the Douglas Railroad Interpretive Center to a train museum. Douglas was founded as a railroad town and the site could be developed into a significant cultural tourism draw for the community. The locomotive and many of the cars are quite rare but in serious need of repair. The project would be a multi-year endeavor given the amount of funding and work involved. CLG grants could be a source of some funding if the project was part of an ongoing effort to achieve National Register status for the cars and depot. The Commission responded favorably and enthusiastically to being a part of the project as it moves forward. The Commission requested that they be provided with a tour later in the spring.

The recent paranormal investigation of the site did not provide any results.

3) Camp Douglas

The State Historic Preservation Office has provided a second amendment to the current CLG grant for restoration efforts on the building, bringing the total amount to \$20,000.

Work is ongoing by State Parks over the winter, with more extensive work being planned for winter 2018/2019.

4) CLG Grant Request for 3rd Grade Workbooks

SHPO has tentatively approved the grant request with the provision that the workbooks be updated to reflect current Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic preservation. This request is very difficult to comply with as each page of the workbook is saved as a TIF image file. SHPO's recommendation was to have the entire workbook redone in a digital format. This would be expensive, time consuming, and the current 3rd grade classes would probably not have access to the book in time. SHPO has agreed for the Commission to print the workbook in its current version, if no CLG funding is used. A request for Council to provide an additional \$400 to the amount previously approved as the grant match to allow enough printed for the next 5 years or an additional \$2,100 for printing for an anticipated 10-year supply goes before Council on January 22, 2018.

New Business:

Mullinnix informed the Commission that their budget request for the 2018/2019 fiscal year would need to be submitted in March. Potential projects mentioned were reprinting the Pioneer Cemetery booklet and efforts benefitting the Railroad Interpretive Center.

Election of Officers:

Simonton made a motion, seconded by Hughes, to elect Flaherty as Secretary. The Chair called for the vote and the motion passed 7-0.

Sinnard made a motion, seconded by Simonton, to elect Morgan as Chairman. The Chair called for the vote and the motion passed 7-0.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2018, at 5:15, at City Hall
The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Maureen Morgan at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Flaherty
Secretary
Douglas Historic Preservation Commission