

# **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**

**City of Douglas Liaison: Sherri Mullinnix**

November 14, 2018 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Maureen Morgan, at 5:15 p.m.

Members Present: Maureen Morgan, Adam Hughes, Jacey Bauman, Heidi McCullough,  
Kenny Simonton

Members Absent: Betsy Flaherty, Lisa Thalken, Bill Sinnard

City Liaison: Sherri Mullinnix

Guest: Terry Rider

Bauman made a motion and McCullough seconded to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2018, regular meeting and the September 21, 2018, email vote. Chairman Morgan called for the vote and the motion was approved unanimously.

## **Old Business**

1) Commission Recruitment – Applications have been received from Lee Ann Siebken and Julia Evins to date. A public notice regarding upcoming commission vacancies will run in the Douglas Budget on November 14 and 21<sup>st</sup>, with all submissions due by end of the day November 30<sup>th</sup>.

2) CLG Grant Request Pertaining to a Possible South Douglas Historic District - A tentative boundary must be determined and a cursory survey done to determine how many homes are in the specified area and how many may be more than 50 years old. Since 20 years has elapsed since the last survey, there may be more district eligible properties than first thought. In a National Register nomination, each building within the district would have to be accounted for and classified as contributing/eligible (over 50 years old and retaining physical integrity) or not eligible/ noncontributing (over 50 years old but lacking physical integrity or less than 50 years old). Basically, the project would need to be done by a consultant in two phases: 1) to bring the 1999 survey up to date to establish a boundary and account for the properties within that boundary, including revising the surveys on any properties which have experienced significant change; and 2) to prepare the nomination. The bottom line is there is not time to provide the consultant with the basic information as to the scope of the project or to determine a reasonable price in time to prepare the grant application by November 1<sup>st</sup>

Brian Beadles, from SHPO, made a site visit on November 8<sup>th</sup> and determined there are adequate resources for a possible district. He was able to outline a probable boundary and indicate properties that would potentially require an inventory. Mullinnix said the

next step would be to send this information to the two interested consultants to get an approximate idea of the survey costs. The Commission could then approach SHPO and the City Council requesting grant funds for that phase of the project. Though the deadline would be past for submitting a CLG grant application there is a likelihood there would be unspoken for funds that SHPO could choose to allocate to the project. A second phase of the project in future years would be to seek a grant for a consultant to write the National Register nomination as originally planned.

3) Cemetery Tour – Members reported that the tour enjoyed a good turnout despite the inclement weather and that approximately \$130 was raised.

4) Oral Histories – McCullough spoke to the library and learned that there is basic equipment and rooms available where oral histories can be taken. She will investigate further as to the costs of transcribing and mobile recording equipment. The Commission members discussed their desire to focus on taking histories from those with a connection to Camp Douglas as a first priority.

5) Train Car Weather Stripping – Mullinnix reported that Bloedorn donated all necessary weather stripping so the Commission's donation was unneeded, although appreciated.

**New Business:**

1) Camp Douglas Utility Bill - Bauman made a motion, seconded by McCullough to continue to pay the City utility bill for Camp Douglas as long as funds are available from donations to Camp Douglas. The motion passed unanimously. Members discussed their desire and possibilities of holding events, such as the movie nights, at Camp Douglas for the purpose of maintaining the public's interest and fundraising.

**Adjournment:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2019 at City Hall, at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Maureen Morgan at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherri Mullinnix  
Staff Liaison  
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