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## Harrington Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of the July 13, 2010 Meeting  
Harrington City Hall - Harrington, WA

Members: Karen Allen, Wanda Buddrius, Paul Charlton, Margie Hall, Ray Harrington, Monte Swenson and Geoffrey Talkington

**President Karen Allen called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.**

### 1. Attendance

Commission members present: Karen Allen, Wanda Buddrius, Paul Charlton, Geoffrey Talkington and Margie Hall.

Commission members absent: Ray Harrington and Monte Swenson.

Others present: Ann Olson, Leonard Robertson, Celeste Miller, Paul Gilliland, Elizabeth Bennett and Jacqueline Bennett.

### 2. Old Business

- The minutes from the June 1st, 2010 meeting were submitted for approval. It was moved by Margie and seconded by Wanda to approve the minutes with a correction of the date of the next meeting to July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The motion carried.
- The HHPC was successful in applying and receiving the CLG Grant FY 2010-11 for \$10,000 to do a Survey and Inventory of Harrington's historic buildings. The commission will now begin the planning stage of the grant and Megan Duvall will be sending a scope of work for the commission to the City of Harrington by the end of summer.

### 3. New Business

- Ann Olson, from the Ritzville Preservation Commission, was a guest speaker for our meeting. She provided a great deal of information about her experience in forming an historic commission, and the work that has been done by them.
  - She suggested that the HHPC do as much possible with grant funds concentrating on the downtown designated area first, and include the residential area after that, moving from the district out. She noted that vacant lots are still of value to the district, particularly for future building/development.
  - Design guidelines are critical in her experience and the Ritzville Historic Commission is working on their guidelines and will be happy to share them with the HHPC when they are complete. These are more important for what is not there, as opposed to what is there.
  - The state has a standard form for input to their database. Each building will have a form, with an assigned style, construction, defining features, and design guidelines.

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- The City Council Planning Commission would be very important in the process.
- Public education is critical, and can create support from building owners.
- Ritzville formed a non-profit downtown development association to help building owners.
- Nuisance ordinance would be helpful in creating a more inviting street presence.
- One grant opportunity Harrington may want to apply for is the Transportation Enhancement Heritage Fund Grant.
- Special valuation: local tax incentives for historic properties

3. Other Business

- There was a short discussion among the commission regarding HHPC members who have not been regularly attending meetings. It is written in the HHP By-Laws Section 1. Letter D. *All members shall attend regularly scheduled meetings and shall be on time. If three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings are missed without good cause as determined by the commission, resignation shall be encouraged. At the next meeting we will put this on the agenda and discuss this further.*

**The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next Commission meeting will be held August 3rd, 2010 at the Harrington Opera House.**

**Please send agenda items to Karen Allen prior to the meeting.**

Minutes submitted by: Karen Allen

Minutes approved by: