

HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD

Thursday, August 17, 2006, @ 3:00 PM

Administrative Conference Room, First Floor, Lewiston City Building

MINUTES

2:00 P.M. – Walking Tour of Main Street Historic District

3:00 P.M. – Regular Business Meeting

I. Roll Call: This meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m. and was chaired by William Clifford.
Members Present: William Clifford, Phil Meldrum, Douglas Hodgkin and Jack Milo.
Members Absent: Fredda Wolf, Gracia Eisemann and Rick Morris.
Non-Voting Members Present: Eric Hirshler. **Absent:** David Kolb.
Staff Present: Gil Arsenault, Director of Planning and Code Enforcement; Phil Nadeau, Assistant City Administrator; and Cathy Lekberg, Administrative Assistant of Economic & Community Development

II. New Business:

A. A Request for Certificate of Appropriateness for Fencing and Gazebo Update for the Kennedy Park Skatepark.

Phil Nadeau presented the Board with the proposed skatepark fencing and gazebo update. Phil Nadeau stated that the City would like the fencing to be a high quality fence with historic character. He stated it would be made of ionized aluminum, similar to the fencing on Canal Street, which holds up well and is easily maintainable and repairable. Phil Nadeau stated that the fence will have a black finish, it will be four feet high and it will surround the entire skatepark. William Clifford asked about the status of the basketball courts. Phil Nadeau stated that they were demolished and new courts will be constructed. He also stated that the pool house building will be demolished and a new one built. It will be built in a new area where staff will be able to supervise and oversee a larger area of the park. The wading pool would be replaced with a splash pad with a number of sprinklers. William referred back to the fencing and asked what happened to the fencing at St. Dom's. Phil Nadeau responded that it could not be saved as the good sections were damaged and rusty.

Phil Nadeau stated that the gazebo replacement will not be done for at least two years. He stated that because of the weight of the 1 ½" slab flooring, over time the joists are failing. Repairmen have gone under the gazebo and added support to the flooring. He stated the location of the gazebo is not functional for larger crowds. He suggested placing the gazebo in a different location with viewing areas that are much more functional. A wrought iron fence would be placed around the gazebo to prevent vandalism. Phil Nadeau stated that the Park Street sidewalk would be reconstructed to be pedestrian-friendly and only one lane of traffic would go down Park Street. He mentioned a water fountain is to be incorporated in the park near the monuments, and the desire to make the flagpole more visible. Lighting would illuminate the monuments at night. Doug Hodgkin stated he was pleased that the City is not planning on moving any of the monuments, as this is where they were placed historically. Phil Nadeau mentioned that everything was up for discussion regarding the park. Phil Meldrum suggested placing this on September 7th meeting agenda.

The following motion was made.

MOTION: by **Phil Meldrum** that the Board grant the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness regarding the proposed fencing to completely surround the Kennedy Park Skatepark. Second by **Douglas Hodgkin**.

VOTED: 4 - 0 (Passed).

II. Old Business:

- A. ***A discussion on the proposed Main Street Historic District.*** *Phil Meldrum asked what the rules are for a historic district. Doug Hodgkin stated there is a range of requirements that could be proposed. The Board suggested limiting purview to the exterior of the buildings.*
- B. ***Update on the Dominican Block.*** *Gil Arsenaault stated that progress is being made and certain mandatory improvements have been completed. Gil stated David Clem is planning to renovate the building to include a new stair tower with an elevator.*
- C. ***Update on the Joint Committee for the Frye Street Historic District.*** *Fredda Wolf was not present at this meeting, therefore, there was no update.*

IV. Minutes: Draft Meeting Minutes for July 13, 2006 The following motion was made.

MOTION: *by Douglas Hodgkin to approve the July 13, 2006 Minutes with the change being the number of board members present for voting purposes throughout the document. Second by Phil Meldrum.*

VOTED: 4 - 0 (*Passed*).

Adjournment. This meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for Thursday, September 7, 2006, at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Catherine Lekberg, Administrative Assistant – Economic & Community Development