

**CRIPPLE CREEK HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING JANUARY 10, 2013
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chairperson Petty called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Commissioners Petty, Grainger, McDonald, Goll, Maberry and Batson were present. HP & Planning Coordinator Stockton was present.

2. Approval of Minutes from Meeting on November 8, 2012.

Grainger moved to approve the minutes as written, Batson seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

3. 2013 HP Budget Revision Review.

Staff distributed copies of the latest budget noting increases as follows:

- Residential Grants from \$30K to \$40K
- Commercial Grants from \$30K to \$40K
- Public Buildings Grants from \$10K to \$33K

There was no public comment.

4. Request for Funding from the 2013 Historic Preservation Budget for Completion of Stained Glass Windows Restoration, St. Peter's Church at 318 N. Third Street, Applicant.

Staff stated that the Applicant requests funding for completion of the stained glass windows restoration for St. Peter's Church at 318 N. Third Street. To date the City has funded the restoration of 14 windows at St. Peter's Church in the amount of \$118K from 2005 through 2010.

A detailed letter and 2 bids from the Applicant were presented; the request is for a grant for 100% of the cost from the Commercial Improvement Program. Staff recommendation is to fund the request using the bid from the local contractor, Rayer Works in Glass, as the scope of work is superior to the other bid in the following ways:

- Associated Crafts bid is for 9 windows as compared to 12 windows by Rayer; three new windows (#10, 11 and 12) will be designed to match windows #2, 3 and 4 on the bell tower (see attached photos).
- Window #1 - Rayer will design a historic rosette window to replace the 1970's window currently in place.
- According to research by staff, the protective glazing by Rayer is the preferred material – ¼" clear plate glass (already in place on some windows and will be reused) which will look better than plastic vs. Associated Craft using ¼" acrylic which is scratchable.
- Rayer bid is \$19,575 compared to Associated Crafts bid of \$21,177.09.

Applicant representative, Jerry Bergeman, was present to answer questions. The HPC agreed that this project should be funded. There was no public comment. Motion made by Grainger to accept the Rayer bid (of \$19,575), seconded by Maberry, and passed 6-0.

5. Review of Request for Changes to the Sign Ordinance from Cripple Creek Casino Association.

Staff stated that a request had been received from the Cripple Creek Casino Association to permit the use of internally illuminated projecting, freestanding, wall, or window signs in the casino district. The size of signs is not to exceed 3% of the total square footage of an elevation with no single sign larger than 50sf. Staff report stated that currently no internally illuminated signs are permitted in the B zone (Downtown District) or for any Gaming Use, except within a Shadow Box mounted on a building wall. The largest internally illuminated sign is 42sf. Additionally, all signs in the B and BB zones must be reviewed for historic character and all signs, except those which are exempted, require a permit to be issued. After much discussion, the HPC proposed a compromise as follows:

- Allow internally illuminated projecting and shadow box signs only in the B & BB zones (casino district) with the same size parameters as those types of non-illuminated signs.
- No internally illuminated freestanding, wall or window signs in the B zone.
- Size of signs would remain the same as stated in the Development Code.
- Continue HPC review of all new sign permits in the B and BB zones.

There was no public comment. A motion that internally illuminated signs be allowed in the B zone with the same size parameters as non-illuminated signs for projecting and shadow box signs only was made by Grainger, seconded by Batson, and passed 6-0.

6. Revision of 2013 HP Grant Guidelines and Applications.

Staff stated that recommendations for changes for the 2013 grant guidelines need to go forward to Council in the following areas:

- Cost ranges/Match requirements: three ranges were recommended – 1) \$0-\$7500 require 5% owner match; 2) \$7501 - \$20K require 25% owner match; 3) \$20K and up require 50% owner match.
- Grant categories and Prioritization Protocol:
 - 1) **Residential** – Full time owner-occupied, then seasonal owner-occupied.
 - 2) **Commercial** – a) non-gaming existing commercial, b) residential rentals – single property owners, c) vacant non-gaming commercial, d) residential rentals – multiple property owners, and e) gaming.
 - 3) **Public/Non-Profit**

There was no public comment.

7. Discussion of Historic Preservation Commissioner Term Expiration and Reappointment.

This item was moved to the January 24th meeting.

8. Update on Recommendation to City Council for New Bench Design in the Downtown Zone.

Staff stated that a presentation at the 1/24/13 HPC meeting by Greg Severance will address the upcoming Bennett Avenue Improvement project including bench design. Recommendations and input is welcome at that time. There was no public comment.

9. Update on Request for Funding from 2012 Commercial Grant Program at Johnny Nolon's Casino at 301 E. Bennett Avenue.

Staff thanked the commissioners who attended the Council meeting on 12/5/12 to support the HPC recommendation to deny this request due to work being done before the grant could be awarded. Council decision was to grant the request for \$15,494 since the letter of request and three bids had been submitted and funds were available due to the failure of the Carr Avenue Boardinghouses project moving forward. There was no public comment.

10. PowerPoint Presentation on Completed 2012 Residential Grants.

This item was moved to the January 24th meeting.

11. Discussion of Attendees for 2013 CPI Saving Places Conference.

Staff stated that two commissioners, McDonald and Veatch, responded to emails asking for interest in attending the 2013 CPI Saving Places Conference. HP Budget amounts for training and travel have been reduced for 2013. If other commissioners are interested, there are three free registrations available through the City's sponsorships, but lodging and travel reimbursement is not available. There was no public comment.

12. Commission Comment.

McDonald – Satellite dish “clutter” on the front of historic structures is a problem. She will call TV providers to make them aware of this problem. LED lights on Bronco Billy's are not acceptable - too bright.

Petty – Lights are out on Cripple Creek Welcome Sign on Hwy. 67. Staff has already notified Public Works. Will bring up completion of Bear Cave Project at the next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM