



## Courthouse Preservation Committee (CPC)

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### MINUTES

#### BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(CPC)

**January 19, 2017**

5:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.

#### **Courthouse Jury Room 114**

120 NW 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Corvallis, Oregon

Meeting Called to Order at 5:07 PM

Committee Members Present: Judy Juntunen, Peter Barnhisel, P. Daniel Read, Robert Gardner

Staff Members Present: Chris Bielenberg, James Morales, Cathy Williams (Recorder)

Guest(s) Present: Linda Hukari

#### **I. INTRODUCTIONS AND VISITOR COMMENTS**

No new introductions to the Committee were made.

#### **II. AGENDA REVIEW**

No changes to the agenda.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

- Approval of October & November 2016 Minutes – The Committee was unable to have quorum since there were not enough members in attendance.

**ACTION: Committee to approve minutes at next meeting.**

### IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Follow-up to action items from November 2016 – Judy confirmed that all follow-up items were included on the agenda.
- Update on Courthouse History Manuscript & Publication Costs – Judy informed the committee that this item is still in limbo, with no progress made.
- Update on Courthouse Tours– Chris provided update since Jill was not in attendance. He said that there is some concern with Jill’s request for accessing certain areas of the courthouse during tours. Chris spoke to the District Attorney regarding position from the courts. He is attempting to resolve these concerns on Jill’s behalf.

Chris is still in communication with IT to assist in setting up the online virtual tours. Their portion would include links to schedule tours, make donations, etc. in an effort to make it as user-friendly as possible. The IT Department is currently in the process of creating cost proposals, depending on levels of presentation.

**ACTION: Chris to continue to follow up on concerns accessing the courthouse and which areas would be restricted. He will also follow up with IT regarding the proposals.**

### V. NEW BUSINESS

- Update on Potential Preservation Projects – Chris informed the members that Scott McClure will be researching the possibility of refinishing the front door.

**ACTION: Chris to follow up with Scott McClure by next meeting.**

- Update on Donation Fund Box and Display – Judy will contact Mark again to see if there is a way to get a donation fund box and displaying the exhibit.
- Court Notice Board on 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Linda Hukari requested that the board be mounted at the end of the hallway at the foot of the stairs. She stated that the Court would purchase and maintain all postings, but would like permission. The Committee approved for the new board location. It was also confirmed that that old board would remain in its current location.
- **Other – Update on webpage** – Chris has been consulting with Josh Wheeler and IT Department to schedule a presentation to provide committee information and what goals are to preserve the courthouse.

**ACTION: IT to provide recommendations with cost and options information at the April meeting.**

- Seismic Project Update – Chris reported that the major investigation has been completed and a report was received on upgrades. There were different levels of upgrades suggested which ranged from \$6 million to \$13.5 million. The Board is struggling with decision to take a risk with no guarantees, even after spending the money. The Board requested a consultant proposal for only a portion of items to be upgraded, but they recommended not to split the items. They suggested to possibly complete in phases, otherwise it doesn't provide any level of value. Chris said that they are looking at funding mechanism to possibly find a new facility location.
- Collector's Plate Donation – Eric Pointer presented Judy with a donation of a "Corvallis, Oregon Centennial" collector's plate to be displayed in the courthouse. Eric's father passed away in September so he thought it would be appropriate to donate the plate in his honor.
- Retirement Announcement – Chris Bielenberg announced his retirement from Benton County in June 2017. He will be Project Manager part-time for Public Works. Chris has serviced 32 years with Benton County.

**VI. NEXT MEETING**

- February 16, 2017

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM