



Courthouse Preservation Committee (CPC)

MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(CPC)

April 20, 2017

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

Courthouse Jury Room 114

120 NW 4th St.
Corvallis, Oregon

Meeting Called to Order at 5:02 PM

Committee Members Present: Judy Juntunen, Robert Gardner, Jill Van Buren, Nancy Hoffman, Scott McClure, Anne Schuster, Ben Dorr, Linda Hukuri, James Morales, Peter Barnhisel

Staff Members Present: Cathy Williams (Recorder) Guest(s) Present: B.A. Beierle

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND VISITOR COMMENTS

Introductions to the Committee were made.

II. AGENDA REVIEW

Several items were added to the agenda including National Trust, filing cabinet, plate donation, and update on oval picture.

III. ADMINISTRATION

- Approval of February 2017 Minutes –Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- Follow-up to action items from February 2017 – Judy confirmed that all follow-up items were included on the agenda.
- Update on Courthouse History Manuscript & Publication Costs – Judy informed the committee at the February 2017 meeting that she finally has a contact that may be able to assist with this project.

ACTION: Judy to follow up with contact information.

- Update on Courthouse Tours– Jill has been providing tours and informing attendees of the courthouse status to raise awareness.

ACTION: Lock to staircase needs to be rekeyed – Chris Bielenberg

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Update on Potential Preservation Projects – Chris was not in attendance at this meeting so there was not update on the possibility of refinishing the front door of the courthouse.

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

- Update on Donation Fund Box and Display – Judy stated at the February meeting that the Committee needs an overall plan for this project. There are currently no details available and this item will continue to be on hold until after the seismic project actions are determined by the Board of Commissioners.

Other – Update on webpage – Chris was not present at this meeting, but he has been in communication with the IT Department to assist in setting up the online virtual tours.

ACTION: Chris to follow up with IT regarding the proposals. Chris will have IT give a presentation to the Committee at a future meeting.

- National Trust – Guest B.A. Beierle spoke regarding The National Trust, which is a privately funded nonprofit organization of volunteers whom advocate for historic preservation. They administer the National Treasures program, a portfolio of nationally significant historic places where the National Trust takes direct action. With the support of local preservationists and preservation professionals, the National Trust identifies endangered National Treasures and acts to save them. Locals and professionals agree on an objective and tailor a plan to save the resource. More information is available on their website at www.preservationnation.com for details.

In order to qualify for this program, resources must meet following criteria: Nationally significant, resource threatened, and clear role for National Trust.

Decision must be made by May 3rd thru May 6th to submit an application to be considered by the National Trust. There was great concern over Chris Bielenberg not being present to provide knowledge and input on this matter. It was stated by B.A. Beierle that no commitment would be necessary to “float” the idea for further consideration until the next meeting so the application deadline is not missed. Peter Barnhisel made the motion to approve and Scott McClure seconded the motion.

ACTION: Judy will check with the County Council on whether or not the building is city or county jurisdiction. Judy will provide B.A. Beierle with Committee email addresses. B.A. Beierle to attend next meeting in May 2017 with more information.

- Filing cabinet – A filing cabinet was located at the Antique Mall in Albany at a cost of \$1950 (which may be negotiable). If the Committee is interested, there is a fund that the Commissioners have given us permission to use. A photo of the item was shown to attendees. Details regarding whom will purchase, transporting the item, and where it would be placed would need to be determined. Peter Barnhisel made the motion and Jill Van Buren seconded to purchase the item.

ACTION: Judy will find out more details and contact the store directly.

- Plate Donation – Jill Van Buren bought a collector plate “Oregon’s Oldest Courthouse” and wanted to donate it to display at the courthouse.
- Oval Picture – Jill Van Buren met with relatives of the Woodcock family, whom is believed to be in the picture. Those attendees included one daughter, two granddaughters, and three historians. The confirmed they thought the couple in the picture is indeed them, but they would not agree to remove the paper from the back in order to see if there are identifying names on it. Without obtaining their permission, Jill stated that the paper could not be removed by her but suggested that a museum employee remove it instead. The committee agreed that would be the proper process.

ACTION: Jill will contact the museum employee to arrange for paper to be removed at the courthouse.

VI. NEXT MEETING

- May 18, 2017

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM