



Courthouse Preservation Committee (CPC)

MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(CPC)

May 18, 2017

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

Courthouse Jury Room 114

120 NW 4th St.
Corvallis, Oregon

Meeting Called to Order at 5:05 PM

Committee Members Present: Judy Juntunen, Nancy Hoffman, Scott McClure, Peter Barnhisel, Daniel Read, Chris Bielenberg, Bob Tessmer

Staff Members Present: Cathy Williams (Recorder) Guest(s) Present: Bill McCash

I. INTRODUCTIONS AND VISITOR COMMENTS

Introductions of the Committee were made to Bob Tessmer, whom is replacing Chris Bielenberg. Chris informed the Committee that this is his last meeting due to his retirement.

II. AGENDA REVIEW

Added guest Bill McCash whom has written 251 articles regarding the history and construction phase of the courthouse. His articles are available at the courthouse, Historical Society, and online at the Corvallis Library.

III. ADMINISTRATION

- Approval of April 2017 Minutes – Peter made the motion to approve the minutes and unanimous vote to approve them 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 stated that there is no update on this topic at this time.

ACTION: Judy to follow up with contact information.

- Update on Courthouse Tours– Jill was absent so there was no update.
- Update on Courthouse Benches– Chris suggested that a Committee spokesperson approach the County Parks to discuss standards for durability of the benches. The Benton County Natural Areas and Parks is responsible for the grounds outside of the courthouse.

ACTION: Judy to follow up with Laurie Starha of Benton County Natural Areas and Parks.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- Update on Potential Preservation Projects – The current focus is on the doors. Scott talked to Philomath Restoration and they recommended that we not dip the doors but to strip them instead. Their quote was \$1600-\$2300 per door and they would require 52% down. This option would require approval of the Commissioners and temporary doors be installed. Chris said that the next step would be to put together a proposal to take to the Commissioners.

ACTION: Scott to request a formal proposal from Furniture Restoration of Oregon, located in Philomath, then forward it to

Judy. Peter made the motion to move forward with unanimous vote by the Committee to proceed.

- Update on Donation Fund Box and Display – Judy stated that the Committee still 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 has been in communication with the IT Department to assist in setting up the online virtual tours. The IT Department is considering bringing to the Committee three different levels of tours (different site features would vary in cost) and will set up a presentation for the Committee in the near future.

ACTION: Chris to follow up with IT regarding the proposals. The IT Department will give a presentation to the Committee hopefully at a meeting this summer.

- National Trust – Judy said that there has been no further information regarding the floater request that the Committee agreed to at the April meeting. She did reiterate the fact that there was no commitment to agree to the floater.

ACTION: Judy will check with the County Council on whether or not the building is city or county jurisdiction. Judy will check with B.A. Beierle to find out the status by the next meeting.

- Filing cabinet – Chris confirmed that payment was made to the antique store on 5/17/17. Judy has not received any communication from the store. The location for placement of the filing cabinet is still to be determined.

ACTION: Judy will visit the store this weekend to try to figure out where to place it when it is picked up for delivery.

VI. NEXT MEETING – June 15, 2017

- **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM