



Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2007

**Next meeting is June 14, 2007, Neill Public Library:
4-6 pm to include banner discussion.**

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Guests Miles Pepper – artist, Bobbie Ryder – WSU Planning, Allison Munch-Rotolo – College Hill Association, Christine Havens – Wawawai Canyon Winery. **PAC Members** Andriette Pieron, Linda Hartford, Fritz Hughes, Anna-Marie Shannon, Chris Bruce, Patrick Siler, Becky Thorgaard; Boone Helm – **PAC Fund Raiser**

Minutes approved from April meeting with one addition.

NEW BUSINESS:

The College Hill Association Banner Committee presented background for their project of establishing an historic district, complete with banners designating same. Students created banner designs as a class project. Stanley Smith, with wife Esther Kahn **Smith**, was a university architect and had designed and built one of the most distinctive homes on College Hill. Banner design **#1**, a rich brown tone, reflects this design as the motif. Banner **#2** portrays Bryan clock tower, as a unifying theme, one that is recognized by students as well as residents, alums and visitors. **#3** uses an interesting shape, **#4** design incorporates older home designs in general, serving as a tease – “which house is this?”

Once the **final design** is chosen and refined, they will be added to the street signs to designate the **Historic District**. The group commented on each, choosing **#1** as the preferred basic theme. Bobbie Ryder suggested **5 locations** that are logical Historic District entrances. More discussion.

Chris Bruce made a recommendation PAC support the efforts and put in his vote for banner **#1**. He added he likes the idea of honoring one person (Smith) who expressed the tone and building talents of that era in his architecture. *Anna-Maria* mentioned that a Walking Tour is definitely in the plans. *Andriette Pieron* invited the College Hill Comm. To make use of the library as a resource: the library could provide a virtual online walking tour, exhibits, and would serve as a great resource for information. *Allison* will return in June to receive additional comments.

Artist Miles Pepper attended to see what PAC is all about. Miles is best known for his interactive sculpture designs. He provided a few photos of commissioned pieces. One can see his sculpture north of Moscow, a fire ax weather vane that stands 22’ tall. He is interested in staying in touch with PAC activities.

Christine Havens (*Havens & Moffett Consulting*) of **Wawawai Canyon Winery**, attended to introduce her new business – a winery and contemporary art gallery – located on the Pullman–Moscow highway, next to Prairie Bloom Nursery. Christine’s gallery and winery features rotating exhibits, wine tasting, wine sales, and hosts to scheduled events. Regarding the arts, her long-term vision is to develop a sculpture garden and would like to see a backbone arts movement in this town. She compares the potential to Walla Walla’s art community, including murals in downtown. She is hopeful PAC will make things happen. Christine has come full-circle, worked for a design firm that included a lot of tourism-driven projects including the wine industry. She is willing to lend a hand to PAC efforts.

Andriette Pieron says there's really an excitement generating in the city (of Pullman).

OLD BUSINESS:

Boone Helm has worked up a list of possible donors (i.e. local banks) he will send the list to all PAC members to review for accuracy and additions. He plans to send out letters once the list is finalized.

The banner project was discussed. *Patrick Siler* wants to meet regarding the new spring banner project and discuss design options and strategy. Costs for downtown banners comes to \$5000, but to complete the "loop" to include Bishop Blvd., an additional \$10,000 is needed. NOTE: June 14 meeting is longer - from 4-6pm to include time to discuss the banner project. Fund raising efforts were discussed – general vs. specific. *Linda Hartford* commented that banners touch a broader scope of the community than other projects such as the installation of the fish frieze. Additional discussion: What's our purpose in providing spring banners? *Fritz Hughes* mentioned the idea the Chamber had of soliciting a call for entries for banner designs. PAC would choose an artist and work with that design. Variations on this idea were discussed.

Fish Frieze: *Kathleen Bodley* reported we have now have a little more than enough funds to install the frieze, thanks to a VERY generous donation from the **Virginia Neill family**. The small amount in addition could be used to install a small sculpture being gifted by **James Ivory**, a 3-foot tall bronze. PAC members were pleased with this recent development!

Discussion followed re: extending invitations to individuals to attend future PAC meetings. *Members of City Council, Pullman Civic Theater, and Graham Ballet* were suggested.

Meeting adjoured.

Respectfully Submitted:

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