

# SPOKANE CITY-COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

## MONTHLY UPDATE, MAY 2007

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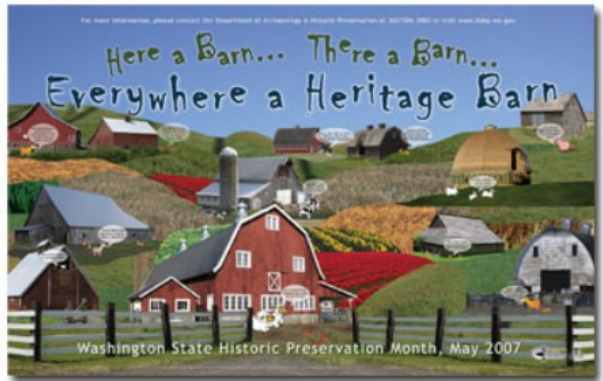
### Landmarks Commission

Next Meeting: The Commission's next public hearing is scheduled for **June 20, 2007**, with a 2:00 briefing meeting and hearings starting at 3:00.

### Upcoming Events:

- What: Trade Tips for Building in the Core
- When: Friday, June 15, 2007
- Where: City Hall, Spokane
- Contact: Karen Marshall, (509) 625-6983
  
- What: Live It Up! Downtown Spokane Lifestyle Tour
- When: Saturday-Sunday, June 16-17, 2007
- Contact: <http://www.liveitupspokane.com/>

**National Historic Preservation Month:** For the last three years, the [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#) has celebrated National Historic Preservation Month in May, recognizing the country's heritage and preservation programs. Throughout the month of May, preservation events and activities will take place around the nation. As part of historic preservation month, the [Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation \(DAHP\)](#) honored 10 individuals and organizations this year for excellence in historic preservation. To view a list of the winners, visit DAHP's website: <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/>.



As DAHP's Preservation Month poster reveals, barns have become an important historic resource in Washington State. In fact, on May 4, 2007, Governor Christine Gregoire signed [SHB 2115](#), a bill which created the Washington State Heritage Barn Register and establishing a grant program to support the preservation of historic barns.

To celebrate historic preservation month, the City-County of Spokane Historic Preservation Office has put together a slideshow showcasing preservation and rehabilitation projects around the city and county. The slideshow is available for viewing on the Third Floor of City Hall, or online at [www.historicspokane.org](http://www.historicspokane.org). Additionally, Mayor Hessian provided a proclamation in honor of Preservation Month to Chair Candi Coleman at the May 14, 2007 Council Session.

**CD Grants:** Field work, research, and photography is been 90 % completed on the Garland Survey. Most of the inventory forms have been completed. The reports are still in draft form. Garland was zoned commercial in 1929, but primarily developed as a commercial strip because of the earlier construction of the street rail system through here.

**CLG Grant:** The Cannon Hill Project has been extended through next year. Currently, approximately one-third of the inventory forms have been completed. In the future, a consultant will be hired to draft a context statement on the architectural styles of the neighborhood that can

be utilized for a broad range of projects, including individual Spokane Register nominations. The neighborhood subcommittee for the project, chaired by neighborhood resident Amy Shook, continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss the project. Later in the summer subcommittee members will be enlisted to review the completed inventory forms and take streetscape photographs of the neighborhood.

The due date for the next round of CLG grant projects was April 22, 2007. HPO submitted a grant for another CAMP, Commission Assistance & Mentoring Program, offered through the National Alliance of Preservation Commission (NAPC). Spokane last hosted CAMP in May 2005.

**Preserve America Grant- Spokane Heritage Walk:** HPO met with BHW1 to review the mock-up brochure for the historic walking tour of downtown Spokane. Set to be “released” in June, the brochure breaks the downtown area up into three “zones” which are each featured individually on different sides of the brochure, showing a detailed map of historic site locations.

**Millwood CLG:** HPO met with representatives from the Millwood Plan Commission to discuss the possibility of creating an interlocal agreement for HPO to provide preservation services to the Town of Millwood. The commissioners took back several different options with which the town could use to essentially create their own CLG.

**Special Valuation:** 4: Four applications for Special Valuation have already been submitted for the following Spokane Register properties: 2203 S. Manito Blvd., the Seligman House; 1728 W. First, the Powell House; 725 W. 20<sup>th</sup>, the A.L. Porter House; and 2926 N. East Oval, Anderson House (Corbin Park).

#### **Legal Compliance: Report from Aimee Flinn**

**Section 106 Reviews:** Reviews were completed for CD-funded sidewalk improvements in the CD neighborhoods and three paving projects in the Hillyard neighborhood.

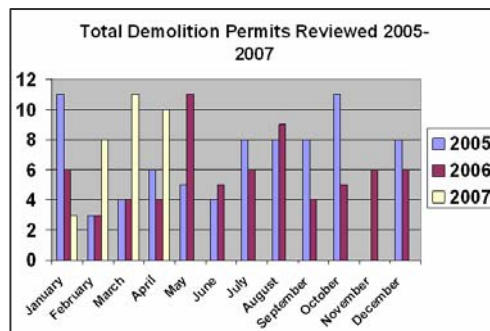
*Update:* The Westminster Court, a multi-family housing project through Spokane Housing Ventures proposed for the block bounded by S. Bernard and S. Washington Streets, and W. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenues, south of the freeway and adjacent to the Westminster Church, has been cancelled. Three of the properties reviewed for the project were determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places: the Cowley Building, the Hansen Apartments, and the Ruthven Apartments.

*Update:* HPO staff met with representatives from the U.S. Air Force and Deputy SHPO Greg Griffith at the Four Lakes Communication Station outside of Cheney to discuss adverse effects associated with the transfer of the property (as per the BRAC list) into private ownership in 2011. Discussed were various options to protect this intact Cold War-era Nike missile site, including an interpretive center or exhibit, and some type of contract/agreement that would hopefully retain some of the intact features of the site. Interested buyers will be required to provide a development plan to the U.S. Air



Force prior to the completion of the sale. The site itself consists of 18 buildings on approximately 63 acres outside of Cheney overlooking the surrounding area, including endless wheat fields. The site was constructed by the U.S. Army in the mid-1950s as the first line of defense against squadrons of invading Cold War-enemies. Two sites linked by a road make up the station- an upper radar/communications area and the lower missile silos, three in all. Although the missiles were removed from the location and the property transferred to the U.S. Air Force in the early 1960s, the three silos are still fully functioning, including escape hatches and large platform elevators which were used to raise the missiles to the surface for deployment.

**Demolition Permits Reviewed: 5:** Currently all demolition permits can be reviewed interdepartmentally through the new Accela permit system that was implemented in the Building Department a number of weeks ago. The system allows different offices to review and approve permits without additional paperwork.



Date	Address	Construction Date	Comments
4/30/2007	1520 W. Broadway	1896	Commercial/triplex
4/30/2007	1514 W. Broadway	1896	Tripix
4/27/2007	2515 N. Oak	1909 & 1957	Single-family residence & commercial building
4/20/2007	1304 N. Division	1955	South metal garage/building
4/19/2007	19 E. Ermina	1960	Office building

**Logan Historic Neighborhood Project:** To date, six property owners have responded that they want to take part in the project. A seventh homeowner is writing his own nomination. Nominations will be prepared by HPO staff for those property owners that have agreed to have their homes listed on the Spokane Register. The end date for homeowners to accept the offer is May 30, 2007.



**Historic Preservation Website:** The month of April was another record breaker in terms of the total amount of visitors stopping by the website. Over **14,400** visitors checked in on the website in the month of April. The most downloaded files of the month included: a slideshow for the Littlebrook Farm, a collection of photographs of the property arranged by the current property owners; the Spokane Register Guidebook and Property Owner Handbook; the RFP for the Rookery Block; and the latest *Nettleton's Edition* newsletter. The website has already experienced over 50,000 users for the year, more than the total number of visitors for the entire year of 2003. For the month of May, so far, the website has had over 4,800 visitors.

For further information, please visit the web site at [www.historicspokane.org](http://www.historicspokane.org)