

HPO Monthly Update June 2011

- **New to the Spokane Register:** There was no Landmarks Commission hearing in June so no new properties were recommended for listing on the Register.
- **Other Landmarks Commission Business:**
 - There was no Landmarks Commission hearing in June. Position vacancies and commissioner work/vacation travel resulted in a lack of a quorum.
 - Six applications were received for two vacant positions. Interviews were held and two new commissioners have been approved. Appraiser Carl Durkoop was appointed to the Downtown Business representative by the City Council and County Board of Commissioners, and Jim Harper, a retired Air Force officer was appointed to the County At Large position by the County Board of Commissioners. The remaining vacancy is for an historian.



- **2011 CLG Grant:** I received a CLG grant for next year that will be used to provide part time staff support in light of the workload created by the NTHP conference and the Demolition Ordinance. It will be used to keep Jennifer McWilliams working in the office up through the National Trust Conference (actually the grant period will be October 2011 to October 2012, with all expenditures completed by September 1st and reports submitted by October 1st).
- In June, a TVW film crew shot several historic Spokane locations to be included in statewide This Place Matters Public Service Announcements. Locations included a teepe raising at the Wellpinit school's Culture Days event. The children's signs are in Salish.
- **2010 CLG Grant:** We are close to completing the remaining products from last year's CLG grant. These are some important database work which will allow a map-based, GIS interface with our local register site information, and completion of the three web features (tours) being added to the website: Olmsted Legacy, Craftsman Architecture, and Modern Architecture. All should be up and running by the end of August. This project has created awareness that many of the photographs on the HPO website, especially those from early on in the program, need replacing. This is always an opportunity for anyone who enjoys photography. .
- **Demolition Ordinance:** I have begun the "internal" stage of the review of the draft ordinance that I completed last month. This week I met with the heads of Building, Planning, Engineering and Economic Development departments, plus the city attorney who will assist with the ordinance. I am waiting for feedback.
- **This Place Matters:** As noted last month, DAHP and TV-W were in Spokane filming two statewide historic preservation "This Place Matters" Public Service Announcements. In one intense day of filming, we got several Spokane places filmed, including a Teepee raising in Wellpinit. The PSAs are complete now and

have been released on YouTube. They will be released to statewide media outlets very soon. Historic Preservation supporters can help by requesting that they be played often, and not just in the middle of the night, in our viewing area.

- **DAHP Hiring**: HPO assisted DAHP by participating in a hiring panel for retiring Historical Architect Stephen Mathison's replacement. Five applicants were interviewed. Nicholas Vann, currently working in New Orleans with an architecture firm, was selected. See DAHP blog story.
- **Public Meetings**: HPO attended a meeting of the Lower South Hill Neighborhood Watch organization at the invitation of Patricia Hansen. We discussed issues in the 9th Avenue historic district, including 3 pending demolitions behind Ace Hardware/huckleberries, and changes to the Armstrong House.
- **Green Business**: HPO attended a "Green Business" luncheon on June 20th and hope to one day present a program on the green/sustainable benefits of historic preservation. Attendees are potential constituents and supporters of historic preservation.

Upcoming for July:

- Landmarks Commission will meet July 20th. One the agenda: one nomination (Ackerman House in Rockwood); two Design Review applications (Flour Mill and Germond Building); one Special Valuation (Piolette House)
- HPO articles in the Washington Trust's July and October issues of "Trust News." One on the SMART program and the other on the "Shop Historic" story.
- HPO will be out of the office the last week in July.