Depot Report for November 2024

Restoration

Max Kirk has been meeting with the engineers from MacDonald-Miller Co.(who are donating their consulting fees) to determine future HVAC loads and how we can meet new mechanical code requirements. Currently the new design has six separate zones for the building using FCU (fan coil units) for our heating and cooling with electric heat as a backup. We hope to be ready to present all these findings to Avista and Electrical Contractors NW soon, so work can begin this winter.

1916 Pullman Depot Summary Loads Numbers include allowances for lighting and normal receptacle usages. 4,266 sf										
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Zone	Sq. Ft	Vol.	Heat Load		Tons	Heat Load			Kilowatts	
	•		Btu/h	Btu/h		Btu/h	Btu/h		Heat	Cooling
Tenant Space 1	385	5,390	41.3	19.2	1.5	44.4	31.2	2.6		
Community Room 2	1,278	17,892	96.1	50.2	4	52.9	43.2	3.6		
Community Room 3	above	above	above	above	above	57	45.6	3.8		
Tenant Space 4	402	5,628	61.5	31.1	2.5	68	46.8	3.9		
Tenant Space 5	657	9,198	41.7	22.9	2	46.5	32.4	2.7		
Museum 6	1,040	10,400	135.4	58.4	5	75.2	52.8	4.4		
Bathroom and Corridor*	504	7,056								
TOTAL Btu/h	4,266	55,564	376	181.8	7.0	344	252	21		
Total Kilowatts			0.000293				Converted		0	0

Grants

The Rolling Stock Committee has one estimate in hand for the exterior restoration of the passenger car and caboose. They are waiting to hear from a couple more sources. We should have enough information to be able to submit an application for a USDA Rural Communities Development grant.

Endowment

The Steering Committee met with Nolan Gleuckert from Innovia to review plans for initiating an endowment fund for the depot. They voted to recommend to WCHS to move forward in establishing an Innovia endowment fund. A draft of a Designated Fund agreement will be sent out to all. A discussion will be part of the November meeting.

Other

Letters were mailed to nearly 400 donors for our annual appeal, sending thanks for past support and encouraging gifting toward train car restoration.

The Pumpkin Wall with its 160 lit carved pumpkins was a big hit in town. Civic Trust will use their shelving next to the caboose for an upcoming holiday ornament display with lights and birch branches.

Six Steering Committee members and six other volunteers successfully cleared all the leaves and weeds from around the depot on Saturday.

Archive, November 2024:

Open to Public, regular posted hours Wednesdays, 9:00 AM through 12:00 PM.

Archives have been experiencing a average of one to three visitations per week and Email requests at two to four per week this past month.

We had a volunteer; Devon Holland show up for two Wednesdays only and haven't seen him since.

Annette Pettenger has been off for the last two weeks; she underwent hip surgery. We'll wait and see what recovery time she needs.

Had some hardware installed at the Archives, I Alex Otero donated the funds for all the hardware (100% completed) and Mahlon of Shivelight Company LLC is donating the labor (90% Est. Completed to date) to install all hardware and set up the hardware File management system:

- 1.) NAS (Network Attached Storage) device, Synology DiskStation DS224+
- 2.) Synology Hard Drives, 4TB, 2 each,
- 3.) Emergency power backup unit,
- 4.) Modem,
- 5.) Wi-Fi Router,

Regards, Alex

Director's Report

- Volunteers plus help from 3 WSU students decorated the Perkins House for the holidays.
- Holiday Open House is on Dec. 7th from 11am to 2pm.
- Still trying to get the contractor to give us a bid for balconies and rails on the Perkins house.
- The Perkins house fire alarm keeps triggering. I have driven to Colfax 5 times to turn off the alarm at all hours of the night. The security company continues to say there is nothing wrong with the system. And the prices are going up from \$78 to \$83 a month. We currently have 3 cameras around the house that trigger my phone if someone is in the area after hours. I am looking into fire detectors that run off of wifi and will trigger a phone. I think this would be a better system and less expensive.
- Processing lots of gifts from the Depot mailing. And memberships.