

MINUTES OF THE DALLES
HISTORICAL LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING
August 24, 1994 Library Meeting Room

ROLL CALL The following Commissioners were present: Pat May, Eric Kleiner, Eric Gleason, Jackie Cheung.

ABSENT John Skirving

STAFF PRESENT Scott Keillor and Kay Prouty

MINUTES Cheung said that on page 3 in the first paragraph under "Alteration of the Milne Building....." the Commission had encouraged the owner to make future restoration efforts consistent with the historic building front. May moved to approve the minutes of the May 25th HLC meeting as amended. Kleiner seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Kreir said she would like to see freeway signs for the Downtown Historic District.

Keillor said that a request for freeway signs was part of the 1993 SHPO Grant that was denied. Keillor said that the 1994 SHPO grant is for \$2,000 and the Commission will need to give direction for use of the dollars. The Commission could consider using a portion of the grant funds for freeway signs.

Kreir said she would be willing to approach the downtown merchants for assistance in paying for the freeway signs.

May suggested that the Chamber of Commerce may want to help with the expense in placing freeway signs.

Kreir said that she had talked to the Chamber members and they did not seem to show an interest in the history of the community.

Gleason asked for staff to prepare a list of suggestions for the Commission to review for use of the 1994 Grant funds.

Keillor said several contributions were received from the property owners where plaques are being placed this year. He said this will help stretch the grant fund to add more plaques.

Gleason said that another project to consider would be documentation of the stones in Pioneer Cemetery. Gleason said film and development should be considered as a use for the grant

funds.

Gleason said that he would like to research the possibility of another style of historic sign to be used in the community. He said a less expensive type sign would allow for more signs to be purchased.

Scott Gayer

Gayer said he is the owner of Gayers Jewelry which is the historic French & Company Bank. Gayer said the language used to describe the French & Company Bank is in error. Since this language was used on the historic plaque that was to be installed on the bank building Gayer felt it should be corrected. He said he had sent a letter to Elizabeth Potter of SHPO and in her response she said the information needs to be amended.

Keillor said that staff will work with Scott Gayer to amend the data and ask the Commission to verify the new verbiage to correct the National Register. Keillor said that after the corrections have been complete the French and Company will be in line for a corrected plaque next year.

Gayer said that most of the previous building was torn down and rebuilt. Gayer said that there are errors in the dates and names in the National Register form for the French and Co. Bank.

Gayer shared some photos of the interior and exterior of the building prior to and after changes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Keillor said that a Chair and Vice Chair need to be elected for the Historical Landmarks Commission for this fiscal year.

Kleiner nominated Eric Gleason for Chair. May seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

May nominated John Skirving as Vice Chair and Kleiner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Gleason conducted the remainder of the meeting.

DRAFT ORDINANCE OF 880

Keillor said that he was in the process of incorporating recommendations from Dave Skilton of the SHPO into the revisions of Ordinance 880. Keillor said this is the first half of the Ordinance revisions and he asked the Commission to review and have any suggestions ready for the next meeting. Keillor suggested that a special Historical Landmarks meeting be held on September 14th to expedite the completions of the ordinance

revision. Keillor has received copies of ordinances from other cities to use as references. He said that he and the City Attorney, Gene Parker were trying to make the ordinance more user friendly and that the state encourages a one step process. He said they recommend that the local Commission have the power to designate and take away a designation of a historic landmark without a 2nd hearing and final decision by the City Council.

Gleason said a clear, clean ordinance is needed that is user friendly.

PIONEER CEMETERY

Keillor said there have been some complaints about the condition of Pioneer Cemetery. He said most of the concerns were about the dry grass.

Gleason said the dry grasses this time of year are natural and that the cemetery is very pretty in the spring, when wildflowers appear.

May said that the cemetery cannot be over watered because the graves will sink.

Keillor said that the Cemetery has been inventoried and we now need to inventory all broken stones and place them in storage until they can be repaired.

May said that all of the former wood monuments were destroyed by several fires that swept across the cemetery.

Keillor said the appointed maintenance committee has not worked at the cemetery. He said we need to consider our work plan.

Gleason said that we should contact the maintenance committee and give some direction. We should also contact them and ask them to attend the September 28th meeting and help the Commission to schedule needed work.

Gleason said that he and Jackie were developing a form with names, condition of the stone, location on the map and a photo for the records to document each grave in Pioneer Cemetery.

Cheung said that several work parties would be needed to complete all the work.

SHAKER CHURCH

Keillor said that he has been working with Henry Kunowski of SHPO to try and save the Shaker Church. He said that Kunowski was trying to make arrangements for a college student to restore and

possibly move the Shaker Church to Seufert Park. Keillor said that there has been some opposition from some of the Tribes. Keillor said the Shaker Village is located on the Shilo Inn property and they are not very interested in renovation of the site. Keillor said that Kunowski is in charge of organizing the project.

Gleason said that the Wasco County Historical Society had written a letter to the Shilo Inn to encourage upkeep of the Shaker Village.

Keillor suggested a copy of the letter should be placed in the files at the Planning Office.

CITY HALL RENOVATION AND ELEVATOR PROJECT

Keillor said that repair to the entry portion of City Hall is in process. He said that the scaffolding is in place and repairs are scheduled to be complete by the end of September. Keillor said that the request for bids for the elevator project in City Hall will be going out soon and the elevator project should start in October and be complete in March.

PLAQUE UPDATE

Keillor said that eight plaques will be going into place very soon. The plaques have been received and Gerald Richmond has agreed to install them, with part of his time donated.

TREVITTS ADDITION

Keillor said that Sally Donovan had completed her review of Trevitts Addition and the District's National Register Nomination is at the review stages. Keillor said that we need to designate Trevitts Addition as a local district and place this on the September Historical Landmarks Commission and City Council meeting agendas.

Keillor said that we also need to schedule a City Council hearing for the revision of Ordinance 880. The Historical Landmarks Commission will have a chance to review the entire revision on September 14th.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Eric B. Gleason Eric Gleason, Chairman
KS For Scott Keillor Scott Keillor, Senior Planner

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