

MINUTES OF THE DALLES
HISTORICAL LANDMARKS COMMISSION

April 28, 1993
Library Meeting Room

ROLL CALL - The following Commissioners were present: Dave Kammerman, Elroy King, and Pat May.

ABSENT - Colleen Schafroth and Eric Gleason

STAFF PRESENT Scott Keillor and Kay Prouty

MINUTES Pat May moved to approve the minutes of the March 24th HLC meeting as presented. Dave seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT Rusty Hampton of the Kiwanis Club said that the club wished to fix up the Pioneer Cemetery before the Oregon Trail Celebration. Rusty said the Kiwanis Club committee along with Historic Landmarks Commissioner, Eric Gleason had toured the Pioneer Cemetery to survey the possibility of a 6 foot cyclone fence. Rusty said they observed the abuse of the stones. He said he had contacted Lynn Long of the Extension Service who helps coordinate the Master Gardeners Group. The Gardeners group had suggested planting plants in the cemetery that are native to the area. Signs would be placed beside each plant with a name and description of the plant and its historic use by indians and settlers. Rusty said it was suggested that the cemetery could be developed as a walking tour. Rusty said they are looking for volunteers to help clean the cemetery and finance the fence around the cemetery.

King said placing plants in the Cemetery sounded like a good idea and would add interest to the site.

It was mentioned that watering is not advised because it can make graves sink.

Rusty said he is interested in the history of the cemetery and that he knows the families of several of those buried in the cemetery.

Rusty said he would keep the Commission updated with the progress made in cleaning and fencing of Pioneer Cemetery. He said the members of the Kiwanis Club are looking forward to the upcoming project.

PUBLIC HEARING

HLC 13-93 of W.K. Snowden for painting and exterior restoration

of the Commodore Apartments. A restoration plan and a rendering have been submitted describing the work program in detail.

King read the rules of a public hearing and asked if any commissioner wished to declare ex-parte contact or conflict of interest. Hearing none, the Staff Report was presented by Scott Keillor.

Keillor said he received no objections from the City's Site Plan Review Team and the recommendation from staff was for approval with conditions.

Keillor read a memo from the State Historic Preservation Office with their recommendations for restoration of the Commodore.

King asked for questions of staff. Hearing none, he asked for proponents to speak.

PROPONENTS

Pavla Hampton, Carson, WA 98610

Pavla said she is under contract by the Amazing Grace Non Profit Organization to study the exterior of the Commodore Building and prepare a restoration plan. Pavla said that SHPO is concerned with the colors that are being proposed to paint the trim of the Commodore. She said she had located some samples of the original colors of the building in the attic of the Commodore for a color comparison. Pavla said the colors will be matched as close to original as possible. Pavla showed the Commission a rendering she had made.

Pavla presented examples of the transom window glass. She said glass changes color with age. Pavla said to replace the broken glass will be either impossible, or cost more than is possible to be funded. Pavla said the glass in the transom windows of the first floor is about 30 percent damaged. She presented a drawing of the plans for replacement of the windows, if approved by SHPO.

Jerry Hampton, Carson. WA

Jerry said he had talked with four craftsmen who will submit bids for replacement of the transom windows.

Jerry said that the cornice at the top of the building has been gone for several years. Jerry said he has been researching ways to replace the cornice and has found a new product used to build replacement pieces such as the cornice needed for the Commodore. The product is a light weight concrete that would be more stable than wood. He said this product would paint easily and be of better quality than the original cornice.

Wade K. Snowden 314 Court Street

Wade said he is proud of the work that Pavla and Jerry are doing for the Commodore. Wade said he plans to complete the entire exterior renovation project. Wade said he like to preserve the leaded glass windows and would like to encourage the light weight cement product for the replacement of the cornice.

Wade said he will work with SHPO to ensure that the proper colors are used for the exterior painting of the Commodore Hotel.

Pavla said that the east side of the Commodore building is soft brick and will need to be painted.

Wade said he has been researching a type of preservative to be used on soft brick.

Keillor said on page 5 of the staff report it states that the north and east walls of the Commodore will be painted. This is corrected to read east wall only, because to north or alley wall is exposed brick.

Snowden said the delay in cleaning and preparation for painting of the Commodore has been expensive and he hopes the decision from the Historic Landmarks Commission will be for them to proceed with the renovation work.

OPPONENTS None

May said the Commodore is the first building that you see in the downtown area after leaving St. Peters Landmark and the renovation needs to be completed.

King asked if the light weight concrete proposed for the cornice on the top of the building would meet SHPO standards.

Keillor said that condition #10 of the staff report will handle that concern by requiring SHPO review and consent.

Snowden said he was concerned with the conduit on the outside of the Commodore that holds the cable for television. Snowden said he felt the conduit should be removed and the cable should be run another way to provide television service to the building.

Keillor said removal of the cable conduit might be considered as part of the restoration plans.

King closed the hearing to the public.

Keillor said condition #7 could be dropped based on the fact that staff was able to obtain the signature of the owners of the

Commodore building.

Kammerman moved to approve HLC 13-93 with the delation of condition #7. May seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

Walking Tour Brochure

Keillor said the Convention and Visitors Bureau is in the process of updating the Walking Tour brochure. Keillor said the CVB asked for comments from the Historic Landmarks Commission that would assist them in updating the information in the brochure.

Walking Tour No. 1

May said #10 listed as the "Bennett House" at 402 West 4th Street is actually the "Pentland House".

May said that #19 the "Victor Trevitt House" was not the home of Victor Trevitt. Pat said that Parks & Rec Department have agreed to remove the plaque from the house. The Commission suggested the words "Early Victorian House" be used to describe this building.

Walking Tour No. 2: Old Town

#16 Baldwin Saloon: The Commission suggested that the words "Baldwin Saloon was restored in 1991" be added to the brochure.

National Preservation Week

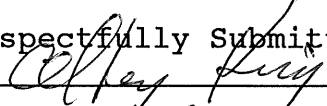
Scott said that National Preservation Week is May 9th through 15th, and will receive the Mayor's Proclamation on May 3rd at the City Council Meeting. Scott said the Commission and staff should promote the walking tours and develop an active program to promote Historic Preservation Week next year.

SHAKER VILLAGE SITE VISIT


The Commission reconvened at Shilo Inn to visit the Indian Shaker Village.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elroy King, Historic Landmarks Chairman



Scott Keillor, Associate Planner