

MINUTES OF THE DALLES

HISTORICAL LANDMARKS COMMISSION

March 24, 1993
Library Meeting Room

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

ABSENT - Colleen Schafroth and Dave Kammerman

STAFF PRESENT Scott Keillor and Kay Prouty

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

PUBLIC COMMENT Keillor said that Wade Snowden of Snowden Painting plans to attend the meeting with public comment and possibly we could allow him to speak when he arrives.

PUBLIC HEARING

HLC 12-93 of City of The Dalles for alterations to the City Hall. Project description is to install internal elevator, handicap restrooms, handicap entrance and repair/replace gutters and flashing.

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.

King asked for questions of staff.

King asked if receiving approval of HCL 12-93 for alternations to the City Hall would help in receiving the CDBG grant.

Keillor said approval of the proposed project by the local Landmarks Commission is an important part of the grant request.

Gleason asked if there are any handicap entrance in the City Hall at this time.

Keillor said there is no such entrance at this time. The new plan would develop a handicap entrance through the east bay of the fire department and lead to a elevator on the first floor of City Hall. The entire building would be accessible and the Council Chambers would be useable once again. Keillor said we are asking the Commission to review the first phase and hope the entire building will be renovated. We hope the funds for the remainder of the project can be leveraged from a CDBG grant.

King said if the fire department supports the project that will mean the fire hall would need to move to a new location.

Keillor said the fire department must move as the existing building has wooden floors and the space is too small and inadequate to house modern fire equipment.

May said the fire equipment needs to move from City Hall because the building is not adequate. Pat said downtown traffic also delays the response when there is a call for the fire department.

King said he would like to see the City keep the City Hall in use but realizes that the ADA requirements must be met.

Keillor said whatever the use of the building the ADA requirements must be met.

King asked if the grant were received how long it would be before renovation of City Hall would begin.

Keillor said the timing for moving the Fire Department is speculation. Keillor said a property trade is now being negotiated for the construction of a new fire station on East 19th Street. Concerning the grant period, work would not start until October 1993 and hopefully completed by the ADA compliance deadline of January 1995.

PROPONENTS

Wade K. Snowden 314 Court Street Snowden said he is in support of the City Hall project. Snowden said he had just had an experience where he needed to access City Hall but had an injury and was not able to get to the top floor.

OPPONENTS None

King closed the hearing to the public.

Gleason said he would like to see City Hall renovated and remain as the existing use. Gleason said we must support the project to meet the federal guidelines.

May said she is in support of the project and would be glad to see the chambers used again.

Gleason moved to approve HLC 12-93 with conditions based on finding of fact. May seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wade K. Snowden 314 Court Street said he owns the painting store business on the ground floor of the Commodore building and hopes to open additional businesses in the building. Snowden said he has received permission from the owners of the Commodore to clean and paint the exterior of the Commodore building. Snowden said he would like to have the building cleaned and painted before the beginning the Oregon Trail Celebration this summer.

May asked if the entire building would be painted the same as it appears at this time.

Snowden said the east wall (now painted) may not be able to be restored to reveal the brick, but he plans to complete the rest of the building. Snowden said he is asking approval to cleanse the brick and prime the trim at this time. He also said he would like to restore the entrance to the building. Snowden said he plans to use a hot wash with a chemical to wash the building. He said this will be gentle on the bricks.

Keillor said Snowden would need to come before the HLC before painting and renovation work was started.

King said there has been lots of talk in the past of restoring the Commodore and would like to see the work actually completed.

Gleason asked if Snowden was asking for approval from the HLC to begin the project.

Keillor said that the Commodore is within the Downtown Historic District and at this time Snowden is asking for a go ahead to start the project and will come to the HLC meeting on April 28th for approval of the entire project.

The Commission agreed that this was a good project and felt Snowden should be able to proceed with the cleaning and primer painting.

Gleason offered several reference documents to ensure proper treatment of the building.

DISCUSSION

Nomination for Fulton/Taylor House, 704 Case Street.

Keillor asked Eric Gleason, owner of the property at 704 Case Street for a brief recap on the request.

Gleason said he was not sure of the original date of construction of the house. Gleason said that OD Taylor bought the house in the 1890's. Gleason said the prominence of Taylor and Fulton, along with the house at 704 Case Street is the grounds for requesting nomination to the National Register.

May said in Section 8 page 9 of the document presented to SHPO requesting nomination to the National Register of that the name "Ardis" is misspelled as "Ard". May pointed out some of information in the document is also incorrect.

Gleason said the name will be corrected and the other incorrect information is an addendum to the form. The information on the request form is correct.

May also said that in Section 8 Page 9 the "bulldoze" quote is not correct.

Gleason said he would strike the quote from the document.

King said the speculation information is not always accurate. King said the information that is in error has nothing to do with Taylor, Fulton or the House.

Keillor said the house as well as Fulton and Taylor are being nominated. The question is: do you as a Commission feel that the house at 704 Case Street, Fulton and Taylor are worthy of the nomination?

King moved to approve the nomination of the Fulton/Taylor House at 704 Case street to the National Register. May seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

1993 SHPO Grant Application

Scott said the SHPO grant application had been submitted for three main project areas: the City Hall handicap access project; Trevitt's Addition nomination to become a National District; and the CLG program administration. A total of \$27,000 in grant assistance has been requested.

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Survey

Scott asked the Commission if anyone had any concerns or ideas to add to the National Alliance survey. Scott also asked for comments on the legal issues.

May said the most important issue is to educate the public as to the value of our history in The Dalles.

Scott said the two most important accomplishments by the Commission have been the Historical Downtown District and becoming a Certified Local Government.

Scott said enclosed in the mail out packet is various materials from SHPO and asked the Commission to keep the material for easy access at future meetings. Included are the 1992 revised Secretary's Standards.

Old Business

May read to the Commission about the Indian Shaker Village and also presented the Commission with an article from The Dalles Chronicle, written by Gary Barrett about the Shaker Village.

Keillor said he had spoken to Gordon Coddle, Representative of Shilo Inn, about the Shaker Village located at the Shilo Inn in The Dalles. Coddle said they were interested in preservation of the Village but did not wish the site to impair future expansion plans. Coddle said it would meet with their approval for the Commission to visit the site.

Gleason said he had talked with the President of Oregon Historic Preservation and he would be interested in visiting the site also.

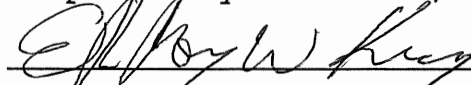
Eric and Scott agreed to arrange a visit to the Shaker Village site for the Historical Landmarks Commission and guests. Scott suggested that the trip be arranged for the April HLC meeting on April 28th.

Scott said he would arrange for the Commission to go to the City Council meeting on May 10th to discuss the importance of historic resources to the Community National Preservation Week is May 9th through May 15th.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Elroy King, Historic Landmarks Chairman



Scott Keillor, Associate Planner