MINUTES OF THE DALLES

HISTORICAL LANDMARKS COMMISSION

February 24, 1993 Library Meeting Room

<u>ROLL CALL</u> - The following Commissioners were present: Eric Gleason, Elroy King, Pat May, Dave Kammerman, Gladys Seufert and Ken Farner.

ABSENT - Colleen Schafroth

STAFF PRESENT Scott Keillor and Kay Prouty

MINUTES Pat May moved to approve the minutes of the January 27 HLC meeting as presented. Eric seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

DISCUSSION

A. INDIAN SHAKER VILLAGE

Scott introduced Bryson Liberty, Interventionist, of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board in Portland. Bryson said he was concerned about the preservation of the Indian Shaker Village located on the Columbia River behind the Shilo Inn. Bryson presented pictures of the Shaker Village in the 70's and said he could explain the types of religion and the buildings associated with the village. Bryson said he has discussed preservation of the village with the owner of the Shilo Inn. He said Shilo had expressed concern for safety of people going inside the buildings and the jeopardy of the site due to vandalism.

Bryson said he was attending this meeting independent of any tribe. He explained that the Indians who fished from the banks of the Columbia River, by the Shaker Village were Indians separated from the Celilo Tribe. Bryson said he hopes the village can be saved. Bryson said he used to fish a Celilo for food and income and all the fishing platforms along the river once belonged to a family. The fishing platforms were passed down through the family. He said the platforms were designed for safety, actually engineered.

Bryson said the Shaker Church on the site behind the Shilo Inn is authentic and Shilo Inn feels they have made reasonable efforts to save the buildings. Bryson said he

had asked Shilo Inn to consider building a roof over the buildings to protect them from the weather but Shilo Inn did not want to destroy the view from the restaurant. Bryson said he also suggested a walkway from the Motel to the Shaker Village but Shilo said if they would ever want to expand their business the walkway would need to be removed.

Bryson also suggested that a plaque showing all the tribes who used to fish between Celilo Falls and The Dalles be placed at the Shaker Village. Bryson said the Yakima Tribe Historic Manager is willing to help with the preservation of the Shaker Village.

Bryson said he would like to see the Shaker Village buildings improved on the inside and possibly have the building painted with a preservative. He said maybe we could get some volunteers from The Dalles to help. Bryson said he would try to get some funds from the various tribes that were associated with the village in the past and of those who fished the river.

Keillor said the Riverfront Trail plan is in progress to build a trail along the Columbia River that would pass by with the Shaker Village and enhance its public profile and interpretive value. Keillor said we need to hire a professional to assist with the type of things that need to be done to preserve the village. Keillor said he spoke to Sally Donovan in Hood River and she is willing to help with the preservation. Keillor said the Shaker Village is on the National Register but located on private property. The improvements must be approved by the SHPO and landmarks commission.

Gladys said the Church in the Shaker Village is on the National Register and the entire village is on the County Historic Register.

Keillor said we need to educate the public that the village is the original site of the Shaker Village and we need to make sure the site is on the Local Historic Register.

Gleason asked how close the proposed Riverfront Trail will be to the Shaker Village buildings.

Keillor said the trail is not completely designed but would likely pass between the village and the river.

Gleason said that the Secretary of the Interior's Standards must be followed.

King suggested that we check with Shilo Inn and see if they

are interested in being placed on the Local Historic Register and how Shilo would help to protect the Shaker Village property and buildings.

Keillor said the responsibility and liability of the village is a big part of the problem because this is a dangerous site. Keillor said landmarking would help to protect the site but we cannot force anyone to place property on the register.

King suggested that we obtain permission from Shilo Inn to tour the site. King said the Commission could go on a field trip and analyze the site.

Keillor said he will contact the owners of Shilo Inn. He said he would get permission to go onto the property from the owner and ask their opinion about being placed on the Local Historic Landmark Register.

Gleason said he will be in contact with the Oregon Preservation League and get information and request assistance from the League.

B. PIONEER CEMETERY

Keillor said the Kiwanis Club had expressed a interest in placing a fence around Pioneer Cemetery as a club project. Keillor said he did not know what type of fence was proposed so it was difficult to answer any questions of the project.

Gleason said possibly a black cyclone fence on three sides with vines growing through the fence would look more original than other types of fencing. Eric said he would continue mapping Pioneer Cemetery as soon as the weather improves.

Keillor said that he would contact the Kiwanis Club and see if they would be interested in attending the next HLC meeting to discuss their plans for fencing of the Pioneer Cemetery.

C. DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

Keillor said we need to get busy and get the Downtown Historic District on the local register to protect the district.

May suggested that a meeting be arranged between the Downtown Trade Association and the Historic Landmarks Commission to discuss the Downtown District.

Keillor said there are three options the Commission could look at for the Downtown District. One option would be to leave the district alone, second would be to ask Council for a hearing to place the Downtown District on the Local Register and third to approach the Trade Association for input and assistance.

Gleason made a motion to request a hearing before City Council to place the Downtown District on the Local Landmarks Register. Kammerman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

D. <u>1993 GRANT APPLICATION</u>

Keillor said the 1993 grant application he is preparing was not complete but there are three projects in the application.

- 1. City Hall renovation to include new gutters and flashing, placement of an internal elevator and bringing the building up to ADA requirements.
- 2. Administration assistance.
- 3. Trevitts Addition. Keillor said all the information on Trevitts addition is in the file and also maps of the district. Keillor said that Trevitts Addition is 30 acres with 48 contributing resources. He said a consultant would be hired to complete the National District Nomination process.

Keillor said he will also put money in the grant application for Historic Preservation Plaques.

E. MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL

Keillor said he did not feel that the Historic Landmarks Commission received enough time at the last City Council meeting they attended and felt the Commission should go before the Council again. Scott said he would try to get the HCL on the City Council agenda for the 2nd Monday in April. [Meeting canceled, rescheduled for 5-10-93]

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respect fully Submitted, Elroy King, Historic Landmarks Chairman Scott Keillor, Associate Planner