

MINUTES

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING

March 24, 2021

4:00 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Robert McNary, Chair

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bev Eagy, Forust Ercole, Eric Gleason, Doug Leash

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

OTHERS ABSENT: City Councilor Scott Randall

STAFF PRESENT: Senior Planner Dawn Marie Hert, Secretary Paula Webb

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair McNary at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Ercole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Eagy and seconded by Leash to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5/0: Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, Leash and McNary voting in favor; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ercole and seconded by Leash to approve the minutes of January 27, 2021 as submitted. The motion carried 5/0: Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, Leash and McNary voting in favor; none opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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STAFF COMMENTS

Senior Planner Hert explained the HLC meeting format was changed in order to conform to the City Council format.

Pine trees at Pioneer Cemetery were examined by the maintenance crew and show no signs of infestation. Maintenance staff will follow up with an arborist.

Fort Dalles Museum:

- Staff was contacted regarding repairs to bars and signage. Staff determined no formal application to the Commission was required.
- Commissioner Gleason noted trees were lost to pine beetle infestation and asked if application for replacement was required. Hert replied as a landmarked site an application for replacement, or at least a discussion, would be appropriate.
- Commissioner Gleason stated the Museum is moving forward on a Historic Vehicle Display Building. Plans are in the early stages.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ercole said while speaking with residents about the neon signs on historic buildings, he had received complaints about the “Flying A Service” sign on the front of the building [Optimo Cigar Store]. Although he received comments both in favor and against the signs, some grumbles were received about the misplaced sign. Senior Planner Hert replied she would be coordinating with Main Street to resolve the placement.

Commissioner Eagy was contacted with a request to use Trevitt House in a film about Ben Snipes. Dennis Morgan will play Ben Snipes in the film.

Commissioner Leash stated a new furnace was installed at St. Peter’s Landmark.

Commissioner Gleason stated interior repairs are progressing at the Fort Dalles Museum in response to storm damage. The Museum received a grant from the Wasco County Cultural Trust to provide interpretive signage. The Foundation held a fundraiser for interior windows in both the Surgeon’s Quarters and Anderson House. No modifications will be necessary to the outside of the buildings. The inserts will not be visible from the outside, but will block UV, preserve the collections, and improve energy efficiency.

Commissioner Leash noted the St. Patrick’s Day concert was held on YouTube.

Chair McNary asked if the neon signs were functional. Hert replied most are illuminated. Hert also received some negative feedback about the signs, but most of the feedback has been positive.

Chair McNary stated the meeting format should be changed so the applicant would not have to wait through comments prior to holding the Public Hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARING

HLC Application 185-21, Chuck Gomez, Granada Theatre, 221 E. Second Street, The Dalles

Request: Approval to install historically appropriate awnings on the Granada Theatre.

Chair McNary read the rules of a public hearing. He then asked if any Commissioner had ex parte contact, conflict of interest or bias which would prevent an impartial decision. Hearing none, Chair McNary opened the public hearing at 4:22 p.m.

Senior Planner Hert presented the staff report, Exhibit 1.

Chair McNary invited comment from proponents.

Chuck Gomez, PO Box 1329, The Dalles

Gomez stated he wished to restore the building to its 1929 appearance, function, and profile with historically accurate and correctly designed awnings for the southern facing side of the Granada Theatre. He stated it would be a lovely addition to have the awnings as they were in 1929. Gomez requested approval in order to move forward with continued restoration and improvements to the historic Granada Theatre.

There were no comments from opponents.

Commissioner Eagy asked what color would be used for the awnings. Gomez replied one of the darker colors originally on the building. There may be a slightly different accent color thread in the seaming, but secondary colors will probably not be visible.

Commissioner Gleason asked if the awnings would be on a rigid frame. Gomez replied they would not be retractable, they would be mounted on a rigid frame.

Chair McNary closed the public hearing at 4:32 p.m.

Chair McNary invited deliberation.

Commissioner Gleason stated awnings would add to the appearance of the building.

It was moved by Leash and seconded by Eagy to approve Application HLC 185-21 with four Conditions of Approval. The motion carried 5/0: Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, Leash and McNary voting in favor; none opposed.

RESOLUTION

HLC Resolution 174-21, Approval of HLC 185-21, Chuck Gomez

It was moved by Ercole and seconded by Gleason to approve HLC Resolution 174-21, approving application HLC 185-21 of Chuck Gomez with four recommended Conditions of Approval. The motion carried 5/0: Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, Leash and McNary voting in favor; none opposed.

Chair McNary asked what was on the horizon for the next meeting. Hert replied there was nothing at this time.

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Chair McNary requested an update on the Recreation Building. Hert replied the applicant, Todd Carpenter, is working with Urban Renewal and Community Development Staff. The engineering is now complete.

Chair McNary asked if funds were budgeted for the demolition of the Waldron Brothers Drug Store [Gitchell Building]. Hert replied Council was not proceeding with demolition at this time; she will confirm the details and report back to the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT


Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

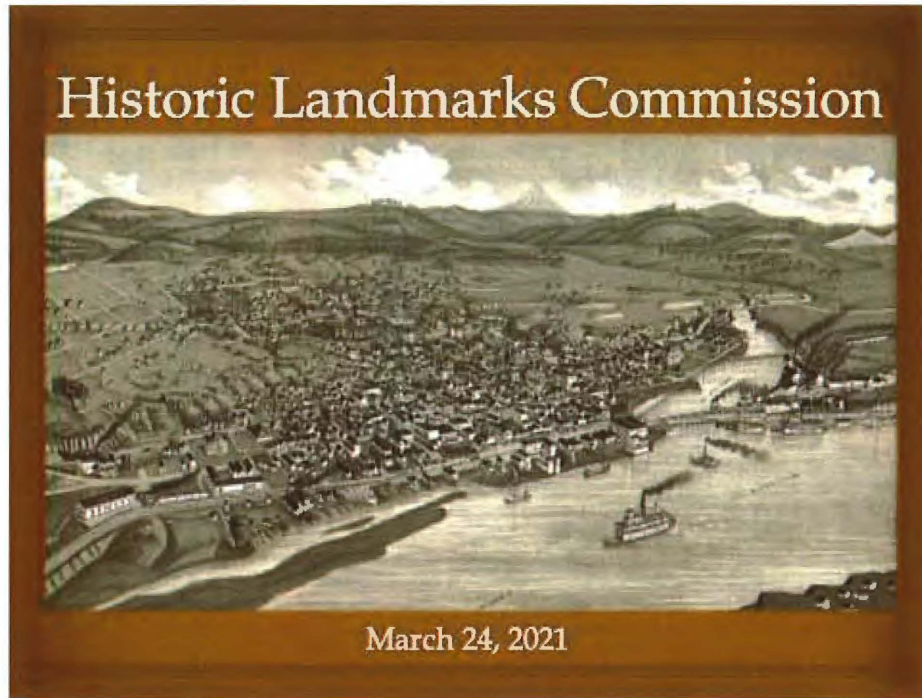
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Community Development Department

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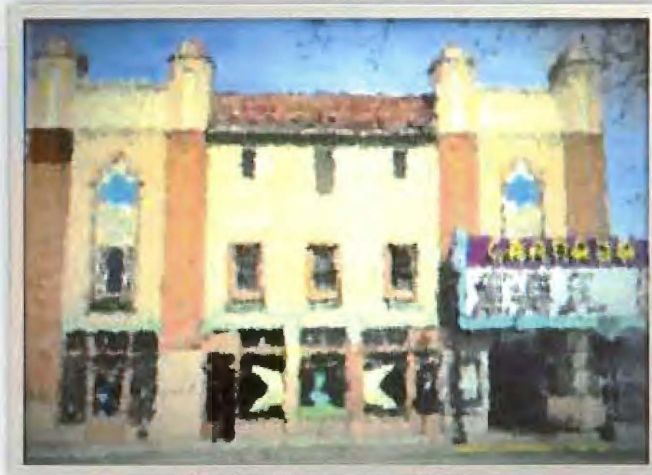

Robert McNary, Chair

ATTEST:


Paula Webb, Secretary
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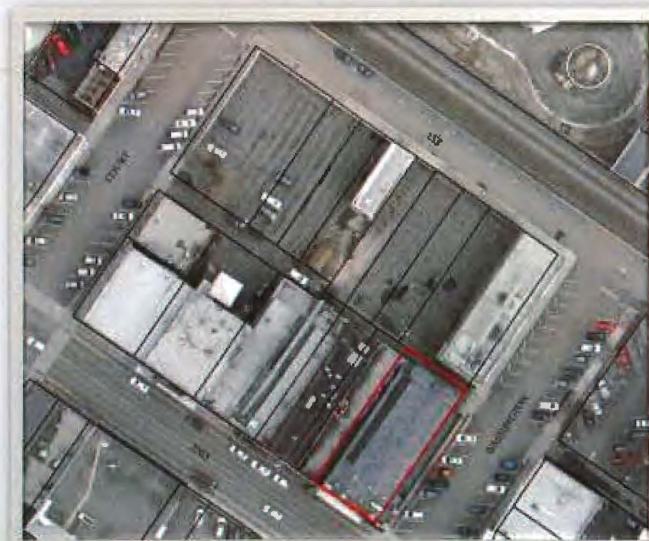


HLC 185-21 ~ The Granada Theatre



221 East 2nd Street - Chuck Gomez

Vicinity Map



Existing Conditions - The Granada Theatre



Previous/Existing Conditions - The Granada



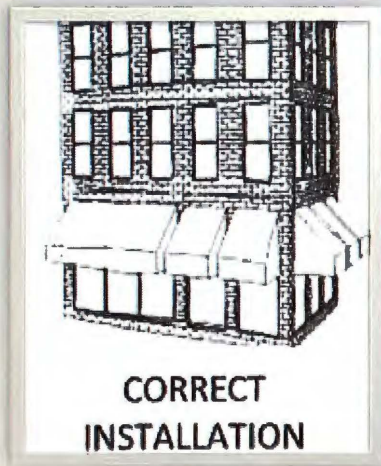
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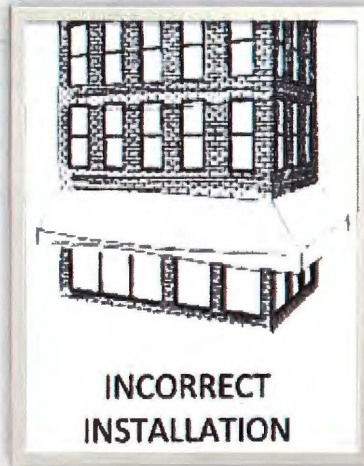
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Proposed New Awnings - The Granada



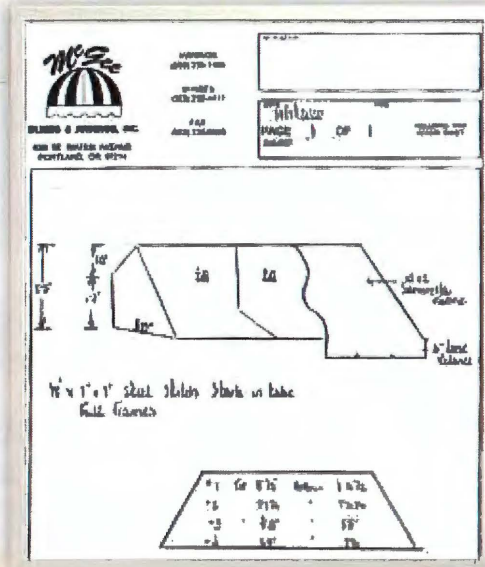
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Example of Proposed Awning- The Granada



Proposed New Awnings - The Granada



Recommendation & Conditions of Approval



MOTION:

Move to approve Application HLC #185-21 of Chuck Gomez to install historically appropriate awnings on the façade of The Granada Theatre, located at 221 East 2nd Street, with four recommended Conditions of Approval:

1. Work will be completed in substantial conformance to the proposals as submitted and reviewed.
2. The color(s) of the canopy will be required to be compatible with the building colors.
3. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
4. If applicable, the applicant will need to obtain a structural permit for the proposed awning installation from Wasco County Building Codes Services.

Resolution 174-21



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