



## CITY of THE DALLES

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THE DALLES, OREGON 97058

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF THE DALLES**  
**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
313 COURT STREET  
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058  
*MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM*

Wednesday, October 28, 2020  
4:00 PM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair McNary called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Bev Eagy, Eric Gleason and Bob McNary

Commissioners Absent: Forust Ercole and Doug Leash

Others Present: Museum Commission Representative Donna Lawrence (joined at 4:08 p.m.)

Others Absent: City Councilor Scott Randall

Staff Present: Senior Planner Dawn Hert and Secretary Paula Webb

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Senior Planner Hert led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Eagy to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 3/0; Eagy, Gleason and McNary in favor, none opposed, Ercole and Leash absent.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Eagy to approve the minutes of July 22, 2020, as written. The motion passed 3/0; Eagy, Gleason and McNary in favor, none opposed, Ercole and Leash absent.

Commissioner Eagy requested clarification on the Commission's decision for Charles and Connie-Marie Sanders [HLC 182-20]. Hert replied the vote specified removal of Condition of Approval #3 [fencing]; the resolution was revised to eliminate approval of the proposed fencing. To date, no application for modified fencing was received.

Museum Commission Representative Donna Lawrence joined the meeting at 4:08 p.m.

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Eagy to approve the minutes of August 5, 2020, as written. The motion passed 3/0; Eagy, Gleason and McNary in favor, none opposed, Ercole and Leash absent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Senior Planner Hert introduced Interim Director Alice Cannon.

Director Cannon stated she made a four to six month commitment to the City. Her family lives in Damascus; she will divide her time between two residences.

Chair McNary requested Director Cannon remain available to address later questions on the agenda.

Senior Planner Hert provided a brief explanation to Director Cannon: Donna Lawrence is the Museum Commission representative to HLC and Scott Randall is the City Council representative to HLC. Although not voting members, their contributions to the Commission are appreciated.

Chair McNary asked if the Commission would meet Councilor Randall at a later date. Hert replied Councilor Randall was working; she will follow up with Alice Cannon and City Manager Julie Krueger.

### **PIONEER CEMETERY**

Hert stated the cemetery had recently been cleaned by the Maintenance Department. Hert is exploring the possibility of painting the fence.

Chair McNary visited the cemetery; he said it was in fine shape except for the tree damage. McNary said a formal agreement to paint the fence was necessary.

Chair McNary asked if the Pioneer Cemetery was part of the Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation district. Hert replied the Pioneer Cemetery is owned and operated by City of The Dalles.

Hert stated cemetery maintenance is provided by the Maintenance Department in exchange for tools. She will follow up with Maintenance regarding the damaged trees.

Commissioner Gleason stated he drove by the Cemetery and it looked good. He shared his concerns about possible pine beetle damage; Sorosis Park has had beetle damage.

Museum Representative Lawrence stated two trees were removed from the Fort Dalles Museum due to pine beetle damage.

Hert asked if a separate arborist was hired to inspect the trees. Lawrence was not aware of who inspected the trees. Commissioner Gleason said he thought Columbia Tree Service removed the trees.

Chair McNary stated he heard something about cemeteries on the radio; he was not sure what it was regarding. Commissioner Gleason replied the use of confederate flags would no longer be allowed in historic cemeteries.

Chair McNary said it may be time for new wood chips in the Cemetery. Hert will get an estimate and include it in the next budget cycle.

Commissioner Gleason asked if there were future plans for headstone restoration. Hert replied we had not received a grant for that. There is a grant cycle approaching for OCHC, a workshop may be possible.

Hert asked if Bruce Donovan was still providing workshops. Gleason replied he thought Donovan had turned the business over to David Pinyard, who may be providing workshops.

### **STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Senior Planner Hert stated the November and December meetings were very close to the holidays. Hert asked if the Commissioners would be available for a meeting on November 18, one week earlier than the regularly scheduled November 25 meeting. Secretary Webb will follow up with the Commissioners to ensure a quorum.

The Dalles Art Center is hosting an unveiling of their “All Together The Dalles” mural on Saturday. Hert hopes in the new grant cycle, properties in the mural can be connected to the Historic Walking Tour.

Hert will attend the 2020 Certified Local Government workshop on November 16. She encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

Commissioner Gleason provided an update on the Gardener’s Cottage at Fort Dalles Museum. The Gardener’s Cottage, with the Surgeon’s Quarters, are the two original buildings remaining at the Fort. New siding will be installed once the wall on the Gardener’s Cottage is straightened.

Chair McNary asked how long a HLC permit can remain in force. Hert replied there was no specific language in the Code for an HLC permit expiration. A general rule of thumb is one year. The Code could be revised. A review of the Code may be scheduled for January.

Chair McNary stated it was difficult to know when or if applications to the HLC were completed. Hert replied the majority of applications for exterior modifications approved by HLC also require a Building Permit. Building Permits expire one year from the approval date.

Chair McNary said there was a standing demolition permit for the Chamber of Commerce. Hert replied the Chamber had since come back to the HLC for exterior modifications. The demolition went away with approval of the exterior modifications.

Senior Planner Hert offered to provide a spreadsheet of current and completed applications.

Chair McNary said he received inquiries about the old railroad quarters on the hill near the Highway House. Lawrence replied she was told they were originally owned by Union Pacific and then sold to individuals, primarily railroad people. Except for the stone building [recently mentioned on Facebook] they have pretty much gone away. Senior Planner Hert explained an article by Tom Peterson had recently been shared on Facebook. Hert will forward a copy of the article to Chair McNary.

Museum Representative Lawrence said she hoped the stone building would remain. She suggested the article be retained by the HLC. Hert suggested looking into land marking the structure.

Chair McNary expressed interest in preserving the Fourth Street Grade, and asked if there were grants available. Hert replied infrastructure grants were usually difficult to obtain. SHPO has provided some opportunities lately. Unfortunately, any modifications to the Fourth Street Grade will require engineering. The Fourth Street Grade is locally landmarked. McNary suggested a plaque providing information. Hert will contact Public Works to see if repairs are planned or needed for the Fourth Street Grade.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Eagy and seconded by Gleason to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted  
Paula Webb, Secretary  
Community Development Department

  
Robert McNary, Chair