



CITY of THE DALLES

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
CITY OF THE DALLES
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058
MEETING CONDUCTED IN A ROOM IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADA STANDARDS

Wednesday, November 20, 2019
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Sandra Bisset, Bob McNary, Doug Leash and Forust Ercole

Commissioners Absent: Eric Gleason

Others Present: City Councilor Tim McGlothlin and Museum Commission
Representative Donna Lawrence

Others Absent:

Staff Present: Senior Planner Dawn Hert

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Leash led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Bisset and seconded by Leash to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed 4/0; Bisset, McNary, Leash and Ercole in favor, none opposed, Gleason absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ercole and seconded by Bisset to approve the minutes of October 2, 2019, as written. The motion passed 4/0; Bisset, McNary, Leash and Ercole in favor, none opposed, Gleason absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION 2020 GOAL SETTING

Continuous Goals:

Facilitate educational assistance to help restorers with assessment and other historic preservation needs.

This goal was met with a plaster repair workshop. Hert presented the “Golden Paintbrush Award,” issued by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to the City of The Dalles in recognition of the Commission’s efforts to preserve, and provide training for others to preserve, historic structures.

This goal was retained.

Provide annual recognition of historic restorations, including onsite acknowledgement and media coverage.

Hert said articles were published in The Dalles Chronicle. Mayor Mays’ Beautification Committee has recognized properties within the community. Hert said staff would recap the past year’s achievements.

This goal was retained.

Encourage historic restoration for downtown by providing historic background research.

The Dalles Wasco County Library, Gorge Discovery Center, and the Community Development Department provide background to interested parties.

This goal was retained.

Encourage the collection and preservation of local history, including irreplaceable oral and written histories.

Commissioner Bisset said Carolyn Purcell, Gorge Discovery Center, is part of the state mentor corps. The next workshop at the Discovery Center involves review of oral and written histories. The workshop will be open to the public; Bisset will provide additional information.

Rodger Nichols is converting courthouse program tapes into a format that can be duplicated.

The Discovery Center library has an inventory with titles and topics of the tapes. In order to search by specific language, the tapes must be transcribed into a pdf format.

Hert stated a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant may be available from SHPO to assist with the project.

This goal was retained.

Update historic inventories and encourage new nominations to local and national registry districts.

In response to McNary's inquiry, Hert replied the stonework on Fourth Street Grade is a locally landmarked and recorded.

McNary also asked about Strawberry Rock, originally used for survey measurements. Bisset said Dan Boldt had worked on identifying location markers. Of particular interest to Boldt was a point at the confluence of Mill Creek and the Columbia River. Bisset thought that was the point used for surveys.

McNary said although he had never seen it in writing, the town was measured by the number of chain links from the rock now buried in ivy behind what was the Sonrise Academy.

Hert stated a copy of the original survey map is in the Community Development Department. She had not noticed a reference to Strawberry Rock.

Bisset stated the matter was complicated because the fort, Methodist Mission, Catholic Mission and then later, the City were all surveyed. Bisset said all the old surveys are online.

This goal was retained.

Maintain Certified Local Government status.

This goal was retained.

Actively support historic month and local history.

This goal was retained.

Assist with historic plaque costs and availability.

Hert said a vendor to create plaques had not yet been found.

This goal was retained.

Bisset suggested addition of a short term goal to create a concept for plaques: ***“Create a concept design for historic building plaques.”***

Hert stated the Walking Tour was successfully uploaded for android devices, but Apple had declined the application saying it was “boring.” After content and photos were added, the application was accepted by Apple.

Hert said with today's technology, it was possible that users would prefer the application over plaques. Bisset then suggested the addition of a continuous goal to: ***“Keep the Historic Walking Tour current in all formats.”***

Hert said the tour could be beneficial in future marketing strategies.

Commissioner Ercole suggested inclusion of the murals on the Walking Tour.

Increase communication on all Urban Renewal projects, vision and goals.

This goal was retained.

Bisset suggested an additional goal focused on improved communication with The Dalles Main Street. She referenced a proposed project for painting walls downtown as well as the neon sign proposals. Leash clarified that not all Main Street projects deal with historic structures. A new

continuous goal was created: *“Increase communication with Main Street for all projects, vision and goals pertaining to historic projects.”*

Short-Term Goals (1-2 years):

Encourage preservation and re-use of the Waldron-Gitchell Building.

Bisset stated this structure has been listed as a most endangered historic structure.

This goal was retained.

Update Historic Ordinance and Design Standards.

This goal was retained.

Provide a historic restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors.

A workshop is not scheduled for this year; a workshop will be revisited in the spring.

This goal was retained.

Partner with Main Street on further downtown restoration project goals.

This goal was retained.

Support the restoration and preservation of the Civic Auditorium building.

McNary asked for the funding source for this project. Hert said this would allow for the City to include this as a CLG or SHPO grant.

This goal was retained.

Support the creation of walking tours and regular historic building open houses.

McNary asked if the City advertised for mandatory open house tours. Hert replied the State removed the mandatory requirement for special assessment properties.

Encourage preservation and continued use of Rock Fort by using the adopted Preservation and Maintenance Plan.

This goal was retained.

Encourage or support addition of a student representative.

Hert continues to work with Canby. To date, a student representative has not been found.

This goal was retained.

Provide informational signage at Pioneer Cemetery regarding landscaping, maintenance and burials.

This goal was not met. Hert will determine if information signs will meet the requirements of a cemetery grant. A map of the burials would also be beneficial.

This goal was retained.

Encourage the fabrication and installation of historic plaques throughout the community, including Pulpit Rock and Amoton Field.

McNary stated there is a plaque on Pulpit Rock.

This goal was retained.

Create a concept design for historic building plaques.

This goal was added.

Long-Term Goals (3-5 years):

Support the Fort Dalles Museum and Vehicle Storage Display Building.

This goal was retained.

Support and advocate for the preservation and continued use of The Dalles High School and Colonel Wright Elementary School.

This goal was retained.

Encourage continued preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown.

This goal was retained.

Encourage the restoration and preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery and establish an inventory link/listing on the City's website.

This goal was retained.

Encourage the preservation and restoration of City Hall, specifically Council Chambers.

Hert suggested moving this goal to Short-Term Goals. Commission consensus concurred.

This goal was retained and moved to Short-Term Goals.

STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Councilor McGlothlin provided an update on the fountain at Sorosis Park. The plumbing and wiring were repaired; the fountain is now working perfectly. The next phase will address the pathways radiating to the outer circle. This project was paid for by the Lions Club. Final steps include brass lion heads over the plates. A ribbon cutting is planned for spring.

McGlothlin said City Attorney Parker is considering a position as Garden Master after his retirement.

Vice Chair McNary inquired about property along Brewery Grade. Hert replied it is owned by the City and a sewer main goes through the property. McNary said the stonework is beautiful and must have a history.

Commissioner Bisset provided a post card sized map providing directions to points of interest near the cruise ship visitors, Exhibit 1.

Bisset said visitors to the Original Wasco County Courthouse receive a "get of out jail free card" after having their picture taken in a jail cell.

Bisset received a request for information regarding a Charles Russell painting currently in an Oklahoma museum. Although the painting resembles a view from the bluff on the east end of town, it is not necessarily of The Dalles.

Hert stated historic photos of the airport provided by Vice Chair McNary were given to Chuck Covert. Covert will research the photos and return them.

Hert stated ten years ago the Juvenile Department had a flood in their basement. Due to cost, vinyl windows were installed with the understanding the windows would be replaced within 10 years. Hert will follow up with Wasco County.

The next meeting date will fall on Christmas Day. If no applications are received, the December meeting will be cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair McNary adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Paula Webb, Secretary
Community Development Department



Bob McNary, Vice Chair

