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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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

Wednesday, December 26, 2018
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Sandra Bisset, Bob McNary, Eric Gleason and Doug Leash
Commissioners Absent: Dennis Davis
Others Present:
Others Absent: Ft. Dalles Museum Representative Heather Kirby and City Councilor
Tim McGlothlin
Staff Present: Senior Planner Dawn Hert
Public Present: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Gleason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair McNary moved to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Bisset seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0, Bisset, McNary, Gleason and Leash in favor, Davis absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair McNary moved to approve the minutes of November 28, 2018 as written. Commissioner Leash seconded the motion; the motion passed 4-0, Bisset, McNary, Gleason and Leash in favor, Davis absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION 2019 GOAL SETTING

Vice Chair McNary asked if the Historic Guidelines ordinance was available. Hert replied hard copies were distributed and an electronic copy was available on the City's website; updated copies will be provided to the Commission. Chair Gleason suggested a meeting be scheduled to focus on the ordinance and design guidelines. Hert suggested coordinating with a SHPO representative to provide a training workshop for the Commission.

Short-Term Goals (1-2 years):

Update the Historic Ordinance and Design Standards.

Provide a historic restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors.

Senior Planner Hert stated her intent to retain the workshop on a biennial basis. Lucian Swerdloff, who taught the plaster workshop, would like to coordinate with The Dalles High School to add a preservation program at the school.

The Commission decided to retain these goals.

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

This goal was moved to the top of short-term goals.

Partner with Main Street on further downtown restoration project goals.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

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

Hert said work continues on the downtown walking tour. She suggested the goal be moved to long-term goals based on the possibility of future grants. Further discussion suggested Pioneer Cemetery, with geo-referencing on a phone app, is added to the downtown walking tour.

Commissioner Bisset stated the Discovery Center library has a huge inventory of information collected from area cemeteries that could provide additional content for the tour.

The Commission decided to move this item to long-term goals.

Commissioner McNary suggested a plaque be installed at Pioneer Cemetery acknowledging the efforts of the Commission. Commissioner Bisset suggested the sign include an explanation that the Cemetery was a "natural meadow."

Senior Planner Hert suggested an additional short-term goal: ***"Provide informational signage at Pioneer Cemetery regarding landscaping, maintenance and burials."*** This plaque will be signed by "The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission."

Support the restoration of the Civic Auditorium building.

The Commission decided to retain and add “***and preservation***” to this goal. This goal will read: *Support the restoration and preservation of the Civic Auditorium building.*

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

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

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

Vice Chair McNary asked if there was a plan for improvements at Rock Fort.

Carolyn Wood, 1709 Liberty Way, The Dalles

Mrs. Wood stated the National Park Service wanted the area left “as natural as possible.” Hert stated the current Preservation Plan said “natural.”

Vice Chair McNary asked about a plan to restore the south wall destroyed by the street installation. Mrs. Wood did not recall a plan for that. She said a new plaque had been installed alongside the walking path describing the irrigation line.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

Encourage or support addition of a student representative.

Senior Planner Hert had followed up with Canby; to date, they had no commitment from students. Hert planned to The Dalles High School and Columbia Gorge Community College regarding the addition of preservation classes to the curriculum.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

Commission discussion included Grey Line Tours. Commissioner Bisset said if the Saturday tours were successful, Sunday tours would be added. Unfortunately, most people took the bus to Hood River and stopped there for the day.

Vice Chair McNary said there was no mention in our Historic Landmarks of Pulpit Rock. His impression was the Grey Line Tours would be guided tours that pointed out local landmarks. Commissioner Bisset said the Walking Tour basically covered downtown. However, when the brochure was augmented with the online tour, an additional area would open that could include Pulpit Rock. Bisset said Pulpit Rock is included on Susan Buce’s “Historic The Dalles” website.

After additional discussion, Senior Planner Hert suggested a new goal: “***Encourage the fabrication and installation of historic plaques throughout the community, including Pulpit Rock and Amoton Field.***” The Commission could then generate a list of appropriate landmarks for future plaques.

Long-Term Goals (3-5 years):

Support the Fort Dalles Museum and Vehicle Storage Display Building.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

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

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

Chair Gleason inquired about access to the mural at The Dalles High School. The mural was painted by Percy Manser, a Hood River artist. Senior Planner Hert will look into access.

Mrs. Wood said another mural is located inside the US Bank building and extends the length of the interior.

Encourage continued preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

Continuous Goals:

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

Chair Gleason suggested removal of the first word “Help.” The goal was retained as revised.

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

Vice Chair McNary inquired about restoration to City Hall. Senior Planner Hert replied painting was completed, there were no additional plans as of this date.

Commissioner Leash asked if the Vault project (Todd Carpenter, HLC 161-18, Bank Hotel) or Victor Johnson’s project (Herbring House) were suitable for recognition. Senior Planner Hert replied Johnson’s project had been well publicized in the newspaper.

Chair Gleason suggested a certificate and press release as recognition. Hert will provide a list of the previous year’s projects at the first 2019 meeting.

Senior Planner Hert suggested replacing “regular” with “annual”. The Commission decided to retain this goal as revised.

Mrs. Wood stated when she was on City Council in the 1990s, the Council decided the City would retain the City Hall building and use funds from the new State office to restore City Hall. She suggested the Commission recommend that Council revisit continued restoration of City Hall.

Senior Planner Hert stated ***“Encourage the preservation and restoration of City Hall”*** was included in the long-term goals. The Commission decided to move this item into long-term goals with the inclusion of ***“specifically City Council Chambers.”***

Encourage historic restoration for downtown by providing historic background research.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

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

Commissioner Bisset recommended connecting with Carolyn Purcell to pursue grant opportunities to transfer old format tapes. Chair Gleason stated the Discovery Center now has The Dalles Chronicle archives.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

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

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

Maintain Certified Local Government status.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

Actively support historic month and local history.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

Assist with historic plaque costs and availability.

Senior Planner Hert stated she had been unable to find a vendor for plaques.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

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

Vice Chair McNary inquired if an HLC representative could be appointed to the Urban Renewal Agency Board. Senior Planner Hert will follow up on this inquiry.

The Commission decided to retain this goal.

Senior Planner Hert recapped discussion topics:

- Contact Kuri Gill, SHPO, to discuss workshop possibilities
- Hert will explore informational plaques for key historic locations
- Obtain access to TDHS Library to view the mural
- Provide a list of 2018 HLC projects
- Contact Carolyn Purcell regarding oral histories and explore grant assistance

STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Gleason stated the Chinese Building was coming along. The windows in the archway openings are back up.

Commissioner Bisset said the Discovery Center newsletter went out today.

Commissioner Bisset stated Josie Pepper approached the Discovery Center with pictures of a painting approximately 30” high and 8’ wide depicting a covered wagon, animals and scenery. Pepper said her family was trying to determine the provenance of the painting.

Chair Gleason stated a covered wagon painting is located in the County Commissioner’s office. It may be possible to use that painting for comparison.


NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2019. Senior Planner Hert will present the Annual Report to City Council at the February 25, 2019, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair McNary adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Paula Webb, Community Development Secretary



Eric Gleason, Chair