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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, November 28, 2018
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair McNary called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair McNary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Leash seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Leash moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2018 as written. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Senior Planner Hert provided various updates:

- Granada Theatre
 - Upgrades and maintenance projects continue
 - Modular seats arrived in July, 2018
 - Dinner and theatre conferences are scheduled
 - Kitchen facilities were expanded
 - Technical updates include microphones, video switcher, DVD and CD players and a ceiling mounted light
 - A classic movie series is planned
 - Contracted with the American Empress for theatre tours
 - The theatre held 27 major events and hosted 5,700 guests
- Historic Bank Building
 - Currently under renovation. Vinyl windows installed on the rear of the building are temporary; correct windows will be installed.
- Gitchell Building

Senior Planner Hert stated many supporters in favor of retaining the Gitchell Building have commented at City Council. The demolition bid was substantial; no funds are currently budgeted.

Councilor McGlothlin stated a budget would not be in effect prior to late June or July. Many opportunities to place barriers to demolition exist. One suggested use was renovation as a laboratory and administration building for the wastewater treatment plant. It was not clear if the 12-foot or 24-foot setback was in place, or if Union Pacific had input in potential uses of the building.

Senior Planner Hert said there was verbiage suggesting an “implied” easement which stated the first 12 feet of the building could not be used for human occupancy. The structure could be used for storage.

Councilor McGlothlin said another suggestion was a bike storage/repair facility or related industry for Lewis & Clark Festival Park. The disadvantage would be access. Another option was hosting a bit coin operation. This use would require large amounts of energy but would have no foot traffic. It would also allow use in the existing location.

Councilor McGlothlin stated if these options were not successful, there would be the possibility to relocate the structure near the Baldwin Saloon and the Chinese Building for use as a historic lane.

Vice Chair McNary asked why nothing had been done to commemorate the grain elevator that was listed as a national landmark. Senior Planner Hert replied due to a fire there was limited

documentation regarding the demolition. Hert said she would follow up with Dave Anderson and Julie Krueger regarding the structure.

Senior Planner Hert stated that a Portland project had morphed old photographs into current photographs. She would like to pursue a similar project illustrating structures that were lost and structures that were saved. Commissioner Leash said it would raise awareness.

Councilor McGlothlin also mentioned the Masonic Temple located at 311 Union Street and his interest in repairing the clock. Senior Planner Hert stated Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes was working with Mark Powell to obtain a grant for repairs.

Other discussion topics included:

- The possible restoration of signs at the Oregon Motor Motel, 200 W. Second Street.
- Columbia Brewery building, E. Second Street – Repaint the sign and arch above the door and include a plaque with the history of the structure. The owner, John Hartung, has the building available for lease. The Commission expressed interest in a tour of the building.
- Councilor McGlothlin spoke with the owner of the property at 800 E. Second Street regarding improvement to the appearance.
- Vice Chair McNary inquired about historic trees. Senior Planner Hert stated there are no protections for historic trees in our community, but there are landmarked “heritage” trees in The Dalles. There are no landmarked trees located in The Dalles parks.
- Fort Dalles Museum, Transportation Building – Commissioner Davis stated they were beginning work on a grant application.
- Sorosis Park – Commissioner Davis stated the Sorosis Club saved the Fort Dalles Museum as well as the property known as Sorosis Park, but was not recognized with a marker anywhere in town. Out of state members of the Sorosis Club still visit the Fort Dalles Museum.
- Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes said a local Government Academy would kick off in the spring. The focus is to increase community participation and transparency. A six session course will provide participants with information on City departments, City responsibilities, etc. Applications are available online or from the City Manager’s office.
- 2019 Goal Setting will be on the next agenda.
- Commissioner Davis said between 110 and 115 cruise ships had docked in The Dalles in 2018. Next year, 145 ships are scheduled to dock. A Captain that docked at the marina inquired about possible improvements. Councilor McGlothlin said the dock is owned by Port of The Dalles.
- Commissioner Leash had visited the Bank Hotel building; the interior was gutted and renovations are underway.

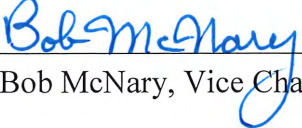
NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair McNary adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Paula Webb, Community Development Secretary



Bob McNary, Vice Chair