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CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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MEETING CONDUCTED IN A ROOM IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADA STANDARDS

Special Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2018
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair McNary called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair McNary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Bisset 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 July 25, 2018 as written. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Vice Chair McNary read the rules for a public hearing. McNary then asked the Commission if they had any ex parte contact, conflict of interest or bias that would prevent an impartial decision. Hearing none, McNary opened the Public Hearing at 4:10 p.m.

Historic Landmarks Commission Application 162-18, The Dalles Main Street Program
Requesting approval to renovate and restore to near original the façade of the historic McHale's Grocery Building, commonly known as the Singer Store located at 422 E. Second Street and located in The Dalles Commercial Historic District.

Senior Planner Hert presented the staff report. Commissioner Davis provided an additional photograph, Exhibit 1.

Commission discussion included:

- Recessed entryway will remain
- The pillar will stand alone
- Aluminum door and window frames will remain
- Areas under windows will have some plaster repair and paint
- Upper façade area is primary focus of this application

Jeremiah Paulsen, Community Development Coordinator, The Dalles Main Street

Paulsen stated results of a 2016 business expansion and retention survey showed the number one priority for the downtown area was physical improvement.

TD Main Street received a "Diamonds in the Rough" grant of \$20,000 from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The grant will cover just under half of the project; matching funds are required.

Vice Chair McNary invited comments from opponents and proponents.

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

Commission consensus was in favor of the project.

Commissioner Leash moved to approve HLC 162-18. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Resolution 152-18 for HLC 162-18, The Dalles Main Street

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Resolution 152-18 as amended to remove, "...and the installation of the awning," from Condition of Approval #4. Commissioner Bisset seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

STAFF COMMENTS

Senior Planner Hert stated the Plaster Restoration class was set for October 27 and 28, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Herbring House. Ten participants are required.

Hert stated discussions with a local marketing group have started for the Walking Tour. Hert met with Lisa Farquharson, The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce, explaining plans for the grant and Walking Tour map. Commissioner Bisset will also be involved.

Hert introduced Joshua Chandler, Planning Technician.

Chandler was working on GIS files to create a more accurate map of the historic inventory, label properties and update historic districts. He also provided a brief summary of his work history.

Once Chandler has completed the inventory, staff may look at expanding the Commercial Historic District.

A new Travel Oregon mural was in progress on the Leeland Building, formerly known as the Moody Building. Although the building was not inventoried as part of the Commercial Historic District, there was concern that paint would damage the brick.

The Commission returned to the topic of expansion for the Commercial Historic District. It was suggested it may be beneficial to list a separate district rather than an expansion. The east end of town was known as more industrial in nature, e.g., Sunshine Mill and the train depot.

Commissioner Davis said a separate district may be more saleable than an expansion. Future possibilities could include a view of what the east end of The Dalles entailed, and a Walking Tour with both a historic and commercial component.

Hert stated bark was spread at Pioneer Cemetery.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair McNary said the brush pile was not yet removed from Pioneer Cemetery.

Commissioner Bisset spoke of a new bus service taking visitors from Portland through the Columbia River Gorge. Currently the Gray Line Tours operate on Saturdays. If successful, the service will expand to Saturdays and Sundays next year. The bus will accommodate 35 people per day. The Original Wasco County Courthouse is on the tour. The majority of visitors go to The Dalles dam.

The sign board is up at the Original Wasco County Courthouse and the bench on the front porch has been restored. The Courthouse will remain open through the end of September.

Carolyn Wood, 1709 Liberty Way, The Dalles

Wood stated she is now on the Wasco County Historic Society Board. Last year there were no visitors during regularly scheduled weekend hours. Historic presentations would typically host 15-20 people. This year the Society scheduled additional presentations and enjoyed huge success.

Fort Dalles Museum continued with the cruise ships' hop-on, hop-off tours. Additional ships have increased museum attendance by 50-60 visitors per week.

Docents are needed at St. Peter's Landmark.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted
Paula Webb, Planning Secretary


Bob McNary, Vice Chair

