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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

MINUTES CITY OF THE DALLES HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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MEETING CONDUCTED IN A ROOM IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADA STANDARDS

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair McNary called the meeting to order at 4:03 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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair McNary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis stated he was absent from the February 28, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Bisset moved to approve the minutes of February 28, 2018 as amended. Commissioner Leash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. SHPO Grant Award

Senior Planner Hert stated the SHPO Grant was awarded for \$12,500.00. The grant will include the Historic Walking Tour and a Plaster Repair Workshop.

B. Student Representative

Due to short staffing in the Planning Department this process was postponed. Canby has established a student position; it has not yet been staffed.

C. Neon Sign Museum Update

Jeremiah Paulsen, The Dalles Main Street, provided an update on the Museum. The Museum hosted a tour to say thank you for community support. The Museum is temporarily open free of charge; the grand opening is scheduled for August in correlation with the Neon Nights Cruise In. A cruise ship stop is now available at the Museum.

D. Main Street Updates

1. Sign Museum Project

Paulsen stated The Dalles Main Street has been working on a more attractive downtown with a coordinated image. One suggestion was to work with David Benko of the Neon Sign Museum to restore classic neon signs and install them in the downtown area. Paulsen was preparing a grant to cover restoration costs for the signs. The intent was that the signs would be viewed as art pieces rather than advertising; placement of the signs would not compete with downtown businesses. Placement will be approved by the Historic Landmarks Commission.

In response to Vice Chair McNary's inquiry about the sign code, Hert responded the City Municipal Code has a definition for "community interest" and "historic landmark" signs. Hert hoped the signs would be viewed as community interest signs and planned to follow up with the City Attorney. Electrical connections would be required; a discussion with Oregon State Building Codes would be necessary.

2. Maker's Market

Bunny Hennington, Tour Boat Coordinator for The Dalles Main Street, spoke with Staff regarding a downtown market for cruise ship patrons. A Maker's Market would feature local products and serve cruise ship patrons and the community. The Market would open on Fridays, from June 1 to October 19, and be located on Washington Street adjacent to First Street. Hennington was looking into insurance requirements.

E. Pioneer Cemetery

1. Oregon Commission on Historical Cemeteries (OCHC) Grant Submittal

The OCHC grant submittal was due May 2, 2018. The grant would fund the Cemetery tour.

2. Annual Clean Up Day

Hert contacted SOLV with the proposed date, no response was received.

3. Pedestrian Trail Bark Placement

New bark will be placed at the Cemetery. Volunteers will be contacted.

4. Westerly Fence Line Update

Vice Chair McNary stated the renter along the fence line was overjoyed that the fence would be painted. Hert said funds were available to purchase paint and supplies.

STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Bisset stated a meeting was held regarding the Walking Tour. The brochure was scheduled for completion in the fall. Lisa Farquharson, Chamber of Commerce, will contact Jeremiah Paulsen, The Dalles Main Street, regarding verbiage for the brochure.

Commissioner Leash stated things at St. Peter's Landmark were well. The Honor Society assisted with pruning shrubs at the Landmark. The Landmark needs volunteers.

Commissioner Bisset said the Original Wasco County Courthouse was open on cruise ship days, and would open Thursdays through Saturdays beginning May 1, 2018. Chris Bolton is the docent.

Councilor McGlothlin provided multiple updates:

- Research into preservation of the Waldron Drug Building was underway.
- Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation was in the process of developing a Master Plan to focus on recreation and community involvement.
- The Dalles Lions Club, along with the Leos Club, worked at Sorosis Park as part of Worldwide Service Day and Earth Day.
 - The Rose Garden fence at was painted.
 - Tiles at the Tree Top Play Park had been vandalized; salvageable tiles were replaced. The Play Park needs attention. McGlothlin suggested a city-wide work day to make improvements.
 - The restroom built in 1965 by the Lions Club was power washed and bleached to remove algae and growth. Tiles will be donated by Brown's Roofing to repair the restroom roof. The restroom needs paint. A sign listing donors on the door of the restroom was difficult to read, the sign will be replaced by the Lions Club.
 - The fence on the Kelly Avenue Lookout was repaired; the fence had been vandalized.
 - The Vogt fountain was cleaned. Repairs to make the fountain function were being researched. The Lions Club would like to power wash, coat, and restore the fountain. They also hope to install four lion head medallions.

In response to an inquiry from Vice Chair McNary, Hert stated any building over 50 years of age could qualify as an historic landmark. Contributing factors are typically architecture, the builder, or an important individual that lived in the home. The property owner has to make the request to the HLC. Upon review by the Commission, a property could potentially become a nationally registered property.

Hert stated a grant could fund a survey of appropriate structures. The property owners would then be contacted to determine their interest. Additional structures around the Vogt Fountain could be inventoried if they meet the criteria.

Commissioner Bisset stated Jamie Krause was doing research for the IOOF Cemetery in preparation for a cemetery walk. Krause was researching Lulu Crandall's husband who was a mortician and an architect. According to Krause, Mr. Crandall designed the second Wasco

County Courthouse (now Clock Tower Ales) as well as other buildings. Hert said the tile threshold stored in City Hall's basement (from the Commodore II Building), was designed by Mr. Crandall.

Commissioner Bisset said two traffic dividers were found in a field at the top of Fourth Street Grade. Hert said the roundabout design was inspired by the traffic dividers.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Paula Webb, Planning Secretary

Bob McNary Vice Chair for
Eric Gleason, Chair