

MINUTES
CITY OF THE DALLES
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058
CONDUCTED IN A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE MEETING ROOM

Special Meeting -Wednesday, November 16, 2016
4:00 PM

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Commissioners In Attendance: Eric Gleason, Robert McNary, Dennis Davis, Sandra Bissett, Heather Kirby, Doug Leash, and Dennis Davis

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The room did not have a flag available.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner McNary moved to approve the agenda as written. This motion was seconded by commissioner Bissett and approved by the committee.

V. Approval of Minutes – October 26, 2016

Bissett moved to approve the minutes pending minor changes to note unknown speakers as “a commissioner” and give credit to Caroline Wood discussing an invasive species lecture. The motion was seconded by Davis and approved by the committee.

VI. Public Comments - There were no public comments noted.

VII. Public Hearing – HLC 155-16 Chamber of Commerce

To restore the historic Chamber of Commerce Building to near original state.
Property is located at 404 West Second Street, and is further described as 1N 13E 3BB tax lot 1100.

Chair Eric Gleason read the rules for public hearings.

Senior Planner Hert read from the staff report. She noted that staff was particularly happy with the proposed plans from the Chamber citing a prior plan to demolish the building. The Chamber charting a new course to rehab the building to a near original state was welcome. She described how the proposed plan was in compliance with required ordinances and the staff recommended approval.

The committee stated that they were pleased with the thoroughness of the application put forth by the Chamber of Commerce with Davis noting that they were appreciative of the Chamber

seeking the approval of the HLC Committee. Bisset commented that she believed that the renovation would be an exciting part of the neighborhood.

Commissioner Leash appreciated the look of the drawing noting the ADA steps.

Chair Gleason invited testimony.

Lisa Farquaharsen – 404 W. 2nd Street, The Dalles, OR.

Farquaharsen stated that she appreciated the opportunity to present the planned renovation to the committee, and hoped it would bring new life to the Chamber. She noted that the near original plan could not be entirely original because the building had settled. Staff at the Chamber of Commerce were excited to take pride in the building again, especially looking forward to windows that can open, new paint colors, and better signage. Farquaharsen stressed the importance of signage to be able to better fulfill their role as an active visitor center.

Commissioner Bisset asked if the sidewalk would continue on to 2nd Place. Farquaharsen said that it would not. Bisset added that it would be beneficial to the Hop-on-Hop off tours for the sidewalk to extend to 2nd place.

McNary asked if the current plan was going to impact a section of missing sidewalk near the Chamber. Farquaharsen noted that the current plan did not, and the Chamber was not in contact with the owner of the property.

Chair Gleason asked Farquaharsen knew the location of original blueprints for the building, believing they were drawn by Herman Brookman. Farquaharsen said she believed either she had them in her office, now unframed, or her predecessor may have them.

Chair Gleason asked if there were any others wishing to testify or offer comments. There were not and the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

VIII. Resolution – 145-16

Approving **HLC 155-16 Application** for the Chamber of Commerce. McNary motioned pending the nine conditions of approval, to approve the application. This was seconded by Leash.

Davis asked the timeframe for the project.

Farquaharsen noted that the project should start next spring, and was expected to take six months.

Davis moved to adopt **HLC Resolution 145-16**. This was seconded by Bisset and unanimously adopted the resolution.

X. Staff/Commissioner Comments

Senior Planner Hert updated the committee on the engraving of Elizabeth Buehler's name. The quote had been finalized by Vancouver Granite Works, but the act of engraving is weather dependent. Hert informed the committee that they had enough funds in the HLC budget to move forward. The committee agreed.

The committee discussed the transition of Pioneer Cemetery. Senior Planner Hert informed the committee that the City Maintenance Department would be handling the transition, but could reference City Attorney and Senior Planner Hert for guidance. Commissioner McNary stated concerns on clean-up and debris. Senior Planner Hert addressed she had confidence in the Maintenance Department to correctly handle the transition.

Chair Gleason asked if there were any other comments on the cemetery. There were none.

Commissioner Bisset noted that the grant for "Place of Interest" brochure mentioned last meeting had been finalized.

Chair Gleason commented that he, Commissioner McNary and Senior Planner Hert had attended a Historic Landmarks meeting in Salem. They heard about current proposed historic preservation legislation and found the meeting very informative.

Commissioner McNary stated that he believed the HLC should be funding more headstone restoration. Chair Gleason noted that the remaining headstones in Pioneer Cemetery were incased in concrete making them hard to restore.

Chair Gleason stated that the next meeting was to set goals for 2017.

Carolyn Wood, PO Box 820 addressed the council about a sign near the chamber that was too hard to read. The committee discussed several options for improving or replacing the sign. They decided that it was possible it to be a part of the Oregon Trail signage or could be part of a Civic Improvement grant.

Chair Gleason called for adjournment.

XI. Next Meeting Date – December 28, 2016

X. Adjournment – Eric Gleason adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jamie Jensen, Administrative Secretary.



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission

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2016 Goals

Short Term Goals

- Encourage preservation and re-use of the Waldron Drug/Gitchell Building.
- Help facilitate educational assistance to help restorers with assessment and other historic preservation needs.
- Periodically provide a historic restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors.
- Provide regular recognition of historic property restorations.
- Update and maintain a Historic Resource Center/Site (i.e. historic group links on the City website).
- Encourage Historic Designs for Downtown by providing historic background research.
- Partner with Mainstreet on further Downtown restoration project goals.
- Encourage continued restoration and preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery and establish an inventory link/listing on the City's website.
- Encourage city pursuing ownership of the Lewis and Clark Rock Fort and its preservation through maintenance.
- Encourage the collection and preservation of oral history of the local area and inventory existing oral history.
- Continue support of Civic Auditorium Building restoration.
- Support walking tours and Open House of historic buildings.
- Support and encourage the restoration and re-use of the Elks Building.
- Encourage communication with City Council.

Long Term Goals

- Support and encourage the Fort Dalles Museum and Vehicle Storage Display Building.
- Support, encourage and advocate the preservation and continued use of The Dalles High School and Colonel Wright Elementary School.
- Update Historic Inventories and encourage new nominations to local and national registry districts.
- Update Historic Ordinance.
- Maintain Certified Local Government status.
- Continue to assist with historic plaque costs and availability.
- Work with the local media to recognize historic homes or properties.
- Encourage continued preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown.
- Encourage preservation and restoration of City Hall.
- Actively support historic month and local history.
- Encourage the collection and preservation of history of the local area.