

THE DALLES, OREGON 97058

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HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 313 COURT STREET THE DALLES, OREGON 97058 CONDUCTED IN A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE MEETING ROOM 4:00 PM

Call to Order

Vice Chair McNary called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

<u>Roll Call</u>

The following Commissioners were present: Robert McNary

Dennis Davis Sandy Bisset Doug Leash

Others present:

Staff present:

Commissioner absent:

Others absent:

Administrative Secretary Baltazar Gamez

Senior Planner Dawn Hert

None

Eric Gleason

Ft. Dalles Museum Representative Heather Kirby City Councilor Linda Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair McNary led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Davis and seconded by Bisset to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. Gleason absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Leash and seconded by Bisset to approve the March 23, 2016 minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously. Gleason absent.

Public Comments

Carolyn Wood presented the Art Deco book she had mentioned to the Commission at the previous meeting. She provided a brief history of Art Deco and gave examples of the main Art Deco buildings in the Gorge. She also presented pictures she had taken of Art Deco buildings in The Dalles.

There was a general discussion about Art Deco examples in the City. The Commission also discussed the status of any proposals regarding a new high school and potential plans regarding the current high school which is a Historic Building.

Pioneer Cemetery

Hert told the Commission that the Army National Guard had approached her about the possibility of them taking over the maintenance of the Cemetery. She also told the Commission that there would be a plaque noting the maintenance partnership between the National Guard and the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Bisset told the Commission that to her knowledge there was only one veteran buried at the Cemetery.

There was a general discussion about what military presence existed in the area and the possibility of more military veterans being buried in the Cemetery.

Hert updated the Commission about upcoming maintenance work at the Cemetery.

Staff/Commissioner Comments

Hert told the Commission that there had been some minimal modifications to the original façade changes the Commission had previously approved regarding the Craig Building. She also showed the Commission a picture of the fire escape that had been painted bright yellow.

Davis commented about the view of Mount Hood from the river. He specifically mentioned that the view was obstructed by billboards and that visitors coming in on the tour boats had voice complaints.

There was a brief discussion about the aesthetic progress made over the years by the Cherry Growers at their facility.

Some of the Commissioners attended the Civic Auditorium's open house. There was a general consensus that the event did not have positive attendance and some ideas were shared as to how to increase participation in the future and increase historic awareness and participation in general.

Next Meeting Date – The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, August 24, 2016.

Adjournment

Vice Chair McNary adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Secretary Baltazar Gamez.

Bob McNary, Vice Chairman