

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, March 24, 1999

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Street
The Dalles, OR 97058
Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Eric Gleason at 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Eric Gleason, Robert Parker, Pat May, Dr. John Skirving.

The following Commissioners were absent: John Lambert, and Museum Representative.

Staff present: Bob Paul, Associate Planner, Dorothy Davison, City Council Representative, and Jean Miller, Temporary Administrative Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gleason asked the Commission if they had any changes that needed to be made to the Minutes of February 24th, 1999.

Parker moved for approval of the February 24th Minutes, Dr. Skirving seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, Lambert absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

PUBLIC HEARING - none

COMMISSION COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

Paul welcomed Dorothy Davison, City Councilor, to the meeting. He also welcomed Jean Miller who is temporarily replacing Dawn Hert, Administrative Secretary.

Paul summarized the Grant Cycle Review.

Parker asked if there was any way that they could help someone to pay for restoration materials to finish a project.

Paul said that by city ordinance the Historic Land Commission is authorized to set up a fund for this situation but some way must be devised to obtain the money.

Gleason suggested that maybe that could be made a short term goal. A discussion of the short term goals followed.

"Pioneer Cemetary Restoration" was changed to read "Encourage Restoration of Pioneer Cemetary".

"Restore Mill Creek Bridge" is an Urban Renewal Project and we only review the application.

"Historic Plaque Program". Putting the plaques on the historic homes can be made a standard condition of approval and eliminated as a Short Term Goal.

"Main Street Restoration Program" can be eliminated since it is part of a federally funded refurbishment economic development program

Skirving asked if anything could be done about the Shaker Church to preserve it.

Paul explained that the owners had been contacted and were very uninterested in any discussion of the subject. Discovery Center is trying to restore it. It was agreed that HLC should keep it as a goal.

"Develop a Master Site Plan for Fort Dalles Museum". The Museum is trying to get funding.

"Information Area". Paul said he receives many historic publications which he will provide an area for the public to view them.

Discussion of removal of billboard followed.

Bob Paul summarized short term goals as follows:

1. Research ways to establish fund to help individual restorers.
2. Encourage restoration of Pioneer Cemetery.
3. Make historic plaques condition of approval.
4. Open houses to coincide with walking tour.
5. Stabilize Shaker Village.
6. Historic Resource Center.

A long term goal is to designate other qualified areas as National Historic Districts. This includes east end of downtown and 4th street.

Paul said that two commissioners terms will be over. Parker does not want to renew but Gleason is undecided.

Gleason suggested that a "thank you" letter should be sent to Meadow Signs and also to The Dalles City Manager thanking them for removing sign. Paul said that the secretary would do that.

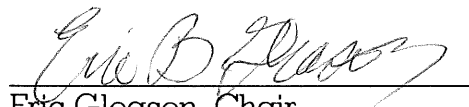
NEXT MEETING DATE

The next scheduled meeting date of the Historic Landmark Commission will be April 28th, 1999 at 4:00 P.M., in City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Miller, Temporary Administrative Secretary.



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission