

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 24th, 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,
and Pat May.

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

Staff present: Tom Boyatt, Acting Planning Director,
and Dawn Marie Hert, Administrative
Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gleason asked the Commission if they had any changes that needed to be made to the
Minutes of January 27th, 1999.

May commented that the year was incorrect in the minutes, it was showing that it was 1998,
not 1999.

Parker moved for approval of the January 27th, 1999 Minutes as amended, May seconded, and
the motion passed unanimously, Skirving and Lambert absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

PUBLIC HEARING - Quasi- Judicial

HLC #50-99 of Napa Auto Parts to repaint building and replace signage on building located
in the historic district. Property is located at 101 East 2nd Street, and is zoned "CBC" - Central
Business Commercial.

Gleason read the rules for a Quasi-Judicial Hearing and asked if any Commissioner wished to declare bias, conflict of interest, or ex-parte contact. Hearing none, Gleason opened the public hearing and asked for the Staff Report.

Tom Boyatt, Acting Planning Director, summarized the Staff Report and read the conditions of approval.

PROPONENT

Chuck Covert, 101 East 2nd Street, owner of The Dalles Napa Auto Parts addressed the signage issue. He explained to the Commission what he was doing and why the Company had decided to make the change.

Gleason asked how long Napa Auto Parts had been around.

Covert said it had been around for about 50 years.

Gleason asked if the company had thought about a retro program to bring the sign back to what they had been before. Gleason also questioned the color palate that was submitted.

Covert explained that the colors that were given to the Commission were that of Napa Auto Parts, company headquarters had been pushing him to keep up with the current signage and color guidelines.

Covert said that he hoped that the Commission would allow him to paint and change the signage, he enjoyed the location that he was at and would rather not move. He explained to the Commission that he may have to move to another location outside of the Historic District in order to keep up with the Company's demands.

Parker asked about the approximate hours that Covert planned to have his sign illuminated.

Covert said that he would have his sign illuminated only during business hours.

May said that she felt that the new sign and paint on the building would help improve that area of downtown.

Covert talked about the historical significance of the building.

Gleason asked Covert if there was a possibility of painting the side of the building a less obvious color.

Covert said that he would be willing to work with the Commission.

Parker asked Covert for a clarification on the actual sign location.

Covert showed and explained to the Commission the location of the new signs.

Gleason asked about the possibility of changing the colors to a more subtle choice.

Covert said that he was open for suggestions, but that the colors that were submitted with the application were Napa colors.

OPPONENT

There were no opponents.

Gleason closed the public portion of the hearing.

Gleason talked with the Commission about the historic palate.

Parker said that he thought it would help preserve and enhance the downtown area.

The Commission deliberated the conditions of approval, and decided to leave condition number one the same, change condition number two to read " illuminated signage permitted only during business hours." And to remove condition number three entirely.

Parker moved for approval of HLC 50-99, as amended with two conditions of approval. May seconded, and the vote passed unanimously, Skirving and Lambert absent.

COMMISSION COMMENTS & CONCERNS

There were no comments or concerns.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next scheduled meeting date of the Historic Landmark Commission will be March 24th, 1999 at 4:00 P.M., in City Hall Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Marie Hert, Administrative Secretary.


Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission