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# HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2000 CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS 313 COURT STREET THE DALLES, OREGON 97058

Conducted in a handicap accessible room

# CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Eric Gleason.

# **ROLL CALL**

Roll call was held by Administrative Secretary Pat Carter. Members present: Bob McNary, Eric Gleason, Pat May. Absent members: John Lambert, Francine Havercroft. Staff members present: Bob Paul, Senior Planner; Pat Carter, Administrative Secretary. Dorothy Davison was present, representing the City Council.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Bob Paul had a correction to the minutes of July 26, 2000. On page 2 of 3, sentence 2, the word Voight was corrected to *Vogt*.

May moved to approve the minutes as amended. McNary seconded. The motion was passed unanimously; Havercroft and Lambert absent.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Paul requested the addition of an item to VII. Presentation by Bob Paul. Item B would be added *Other Business*.

McNary moved to accept the agenda as amended. May seconded. The motion was passed unanimously; Havercroft and Lambert absent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

# **PUBLIC HEARING (Quasi-Judicial)**

**HLC #56-00, Sprint Communications:** The application was to install an ADA accessible ramp on the eastern side of the building, replacing steps now in place. Chair Gleason read the rules for a quasi-judicial hearing. No Commissioners declared any ex-parte contact or conflict of interest.

Paul reviewed the staff report and said that staff was recommending approval with conditions. The condition was *removal and installation of accessible ramp should be completed in a workmanlike manner and no destruction of exterior brickwork should be left in a damaged state.* 

Gleason questioned the condition, saying he would like to have more pictures of the area where the ramp would be installed.

McNary moved to meet again at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2000. May seconded. The motion was passed unanimously; Havercroft and Lambert absent. This meeting would be considered a continuation of the October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, with the only agenda item being the Sprint application. Staff would provide additional information at that meeting.

**Downtown Streetscape Phase II:** Paul presented the Commission with information regarding the project. He explained that the Planning Director was able to approve minor alterations to property in the Historic Downtown District and that this project was considered to be in that category.

Gleason questioned if old man hole covers, sidewalk stamps, etc., would be kept intact. Paul said that there were no provisions to keep them.

Gleason suggested that documentation be made of any historic artifacts that may be unearthed. He also requested that any artifacts be surrendered to the City. Staff will make this recommendation to the City.

**Pioneer Cemetery:** Paul presented the Commissioners with copies of a letter to the editor that was written by Earline Wasser. She said she was part of a group that wanted to clean up the cemetery. He continued that the City Public Works Department will loan a lawnmower and other equipment to help in the cleanup process. A dumpster has also been contributed. Paul also advised the group that the City Manager had designated the care of the cemetery to the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Paul encouraged the support of the Commission with this project and any other volunteer effort to improve historical properties. This support could range from labor to helping to raise funds for projects.

**Design Guidance Ordinance:** Paul reported that the present ordinance was ineffective and should be rewritten. He presented a draft model that had been recommended to him.

**Preservation Books:** Paul presented a catalog of preservation books that he had received. He asked that the Commission review the catalog to determine if there were any books they were interested in purchasing for the HLC library.

# **NEXT MEETING DATE**

A special meeting will to held on Wednesday, November 1, 2000, to complete review of the application submitted by Sprint Communications.

The next regularly scheduled meeting was set for November 22; however, objections were voiced concerning this date being the day before Thanksgiving. An alternate date was not determined.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Submitted by Patricia Carter, Administrative Secretary

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Eric Gleason, Chair