



HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 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 4:06 p.m. by Acting Chair John Lambert.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was held by Acting Chair John Lambert. Members present: John Lambert, Bob McNary, Francine Havercroft. Absent members: Eric Gleason, Pat May. Staff members present: Bob Paul, Senior Planner; Pat Carter, Administrative Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Senior Planner Paul requested an item B be added under Discussion Items: Change of meeting dates and time for Historic Landmarks Commission meetings.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Backstand, 608 W. 6th Street, addressed the commission. He said he had recently purchased a historical home and wanted to know the procedure to get a plaque designating that it is historical.

Paul explained that the house Mr. Backstand had purchased was in the Trevitt Addition at 6th and Mill Creek and had been known as the Bennett House. He further explained to Mr. Backstand that the text for the signs must be approved by the State Architect. After that approval, it would come back to the commission for their recommendation of approval. The Bennett House had been approved some years ago, but the owner had chosen not to receive a plaque at that time. He added that the plaques probably cost in the range of \$200 each.

Lambert questioned how much of the cost falls on the commission.

Paul replied that the full cost falls on the homeowner. The grant for plaques has expired and there are no longer funds available to assist the homeowners. The reward in having the historical home is received in substantial tax reliefs. With regard to designs of the plaques, the state has only approved a couple styles so they would all be the same.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Pioneer Cemetery: Paul reported that he had been to the cemetery and found more vandalism had been done. Two freestanding tombstones that were located near the entrance had been knocked over and broken. He said they will be stored until it can be determined what can be done with them.

Lambert felt the police should offer a reward for the arrest of persons doing this type of vandalism.

Paul replied that it would be a function of the City Council, not the Police Department, if this action was taken. He also reported that lights have been installed and the area is being patrolled.

Earline Wasser, 1017 B Pomona Street West, spoke as a representative of the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society. She stated that the Society would, in some way, be interested in taking responsibility for the cleanup of the cemetery. They would like to replace broken tombstones with flat markers set into the ground. She felt they could financially replace one a year. A recommendation had also been made to them to place one large monument and list everyone's name that is buried in the cemetery. The group had not made a decision on which would be better, or financially feasible.

Marti Johnson, also of the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, added that the cemetery was on the National Historic Register and interest should be in returning the cemetery to a place of pride.

Since it is on the National Historic Register, McNary asked if permission needed to be obtained in order to work on it.

Paul replied that authority is delegated from Salem to the local Historic Landmarks Commission to make these decisions.

Lambert moved that an action plan be made by the Genealogical Society, with Bob Paul and two other members of the commission assisting. McNary seconded. The motion was passed unanimously; May and Gleason absent.

Lambert further suggested that before and after pictures be taken of the property.

Date and Time Change: Paul reported that Eric Gleason would like to meet on a different day of the week and at a different time than presently scheduled. He had suggested 8:00 a.m. on Monday morning, 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, or 4:00 p.m. on Friday. The commission's feeling was that an early

Monday morning would not bring the public in and that Friday afternoon was not a good time for members of the commission. A Thursday meeting could be in conflict with another staff meeting. It was decided that the times would be considered and discussed at a later meeting.

McNary asked what kind of amendment was needed to add another person to the commission.

Paul told him that the commission size was set by city ordinance and probably based on SHPO requirements.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 28, 2000, 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mc Nary moved to adjourn the meeting. Havercroft seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Submitted by Pat Carter, Administrative Secretary


Eric Gleason, Chair