



**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2000**

**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 at 4:08 p.m. by Chair Eric Gleason.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Eric Gleason, Pat May, Bob McNary
Absent Board members: John Lambert
City Council Representative present: Dorothy Davison
Staff Present: Bob Paul, Senior Planner
Pat Carter, Administrative Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

McNary made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Gleason seconded. The motion was passed unanimously, Lambert absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McNary made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Gleason seconded. The motion was passed unanimously, Lambert absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Frazier of Wasco Lodge #15, Masonic Lodge at 105 E. 3rd, addressed the meeting. He asked assistance in finding a source for financial help in improving their historical building. The exterior of the building needs repairs that is beyond their cash flow. The clock, clock tower, and dome are in need of repair. The first estimate they have received is to repair the clock tower for approximately \$10,000, but he felt this estimate would not cover all of the work. He felt they were only at the beginning stage of acquiring estimates.

Chair Gleason explained a State grant that required a 50% match. He also relayed that the Legislature had allowed more funds for mortar and brick work this year.

Paul Tews, 925 E. Scenic Drive commented that he felt the large "for sale" sign should not be on the old Post Office building.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - Review of annual short and long term goals.

Before the discussion began, Bob Paul announced that two applications had been received for the vacant position on the Historic Landmarks Commission. The selection process has begun.

Short Term Goals:

Goal #1: Research ways to establish fund to help individual restorers.

Paul reported that this is being researched and it appears the Commission will need to be creative and generate their own income.

Goal #2: Encourage restoration of Pioneer Cemetery.

Per Paul, high school students in The Dalles are required to complete a certain amount of community service and there is some interest in the community in establishing paths and restoration of native vegetation. Paul will explore the possibility of having a high school member being a part-time member of Historic Landmarks as a non-voting member, as part of their community service. He will also look at Eagle Scouts or high school students to participate in a clean up of the cemetery.

Pat May remarked that the City had been deeded the cemetery but it has always been Boy Scouts or volunteers who maintain it.

Goal #3: Make historic plaques condition of approval.

Paul reported that this project is essentially finished. Anyone coming into a historical building will be required to obtain a plaque. The plaques cost between \$150-180 and the building owner will buy them. If someone states they want to make their home a landmark, they will be advised that they need the plaque. Staff will help them with the proper paperwork for the federal government.

Goal #4: Open houses to coincide with walking tour.

Paul said he has not done anything on this goal at this time. He is attempting to get a list of the walking tours. SHPO will give him a list of all open houses with the date and address breakdown. Then the individual property owners will be contacted by letter.

Goal #5: Stabilize Shaker Village.

Paul explained that this was a grant objective the cycle before last. The Shilo Hotel gave them opposition at that time. If Shaker Village gets revitalized, more people will go there and it is basically on a cliff over the river. Shilo's attorneys were not in favor of the grant and were concerned about insurance issues and liabilities for both workers and visitors.

Pat May added that this is not the original location of the buildings and that they are in such poor condition she did not believe they could be repaired.

Goal #6: Historic Resource Center.

Paul said that Historic Landmarks Commission and historic preservation in general appears to be a very well funded, literary group. Many magazines and flyers are issued with directions for repairing buildings. There is a resource center, of sorts, in the Planning Department. The publications are not categorized or titled at this time.

With regard to grants, Paul explained that any requested grants need to go before City Council and they will decide whether to either support it or not. Any grants the group is interested in should be submitted to Paul early as they do take time.

Long Term Goal: Designate other qualified areas as National Historic Districts. This includes east end of downtown and 4th Street.

Paul reported that it is simply a matter of getting a grant and a professional to accomplish this. He encouraged the Commission members to look around the city and determine what areas they would like to designate as historic.

Valerie Ingebo, from the audience, spoke regarding making walking routes through the city.

A transportation plan is the way to do this, according to Paul. Making routes through private property is not always agreeable.

Chair Gleason added a short term goal to become more pro-active as a commission; to get ahead of the game instead of behind; get more involved with City projects such as the Commodore and Waldron Drugs since they are affecting the history of the City.

Paul said that one way to do this was to attend regular, scheduled Planning meetings and City Council meetings.

Gleason would like periodic staff reports on items the commission could be involved in.

Gleason would also like to see the applications for requested work on historical buildings revised. He feels the application should include an example of what is needed so the applicant knows how their completed application should look.

Paul said he will bring an example to the next meeting.

Reviewing the short term goals list, the following was decided:

- Goal #1:** Keep
- Goal #2:** Keep
- Goal #3:** Eliminate

- Goal #4:** Change to walking tour/History Day
- Goal #5:** Keep
- Goal #6:** Keep with the change: Organize and index Historic Research Center
- Goal #7:** Add: Be pro-active as a commission
- Goal #8:** Add: Think about grants with goals as a guide

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23rd, 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

McNary made a motion to adjourn. May seconded. The motion was passed unanimously, Lambert absent.

Submitted by Pat Carter, Administrative Secretary



Eric Gleason, Chair