

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 28th, 2001

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 4:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Eric Gleason, Bob McNary,
John Lambert, Pat May.

The following Commissioners were absent: Francine Havercroft

Staff present: Dan Durow, Comm. Develop. Director,
Dale McCabe, City Engineer, Brian
Stahl, Public Works Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McNary moved that the minutes of October 25, 2000 and November 1, 2000 be approved. Lambert seconded. The motion was passed unanimously; Havercroft absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Gleason asked to add two items to the end of the agenda. They are the Ft. Dalles Museum and Waldron Drug Store. Lambert moved the agenda be approved as amended. McNary seconded. The motion passed unanimously; Havercroft absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given.

PUBLIC HEARING (QUASI JUDICIAL)

HLC #57-01, 6TH Street Bridge: To design and build a new 6th Street Bridge. Chair Gleason read the rules for a quasi-judicial hearing. No Commissioners had any ex-parte contact or conflict of interest.

Durow summarized the staff report and said that staff was recommending approval with conditions. The condition was *installation of interpretive signage adjacent to the bridge documenting the history of the bridge including the original design, constructed*

design, and current design complete with architectural detail shall be provided at the applicants expense.

Commissioners and staff engaged in discussions regarding the design of the bridge, particularly the diameter of the intermediate posts. A majority of Commissioners and the Staff felt the main goal was to keep the bridge as close to the original design as possible while also passing the crash test criteria.

Discussion moved on to the interpretive sign. Lambert felt it should be placed at the lighted, West end of the bridge.

Durow said it would be bigger than a plaque.

McNary wondered who would be deciding what the sign will say.

Durow replied that the wording for the sign will come back to the Historic Landmark Commission.

Brian Stahl, Public Works Director, commented on the previous concern of the intermediate post size. His experience with the Columbia River Highways is that posts are typically the same size.

The meeting was opened to public testimony.

Proponent Testimony: None

Opponent Testimony: None

Public testimony was closed.

May shared an article dated October 11, 1988 in which Staff was seeking a decision on the 6th Street Bridge. She is very happy the project is finally moving forward.

Staff was directed by the Commission to look at the possibility of narrower posts. When staff feels that the proposed design is in keeping with the historic nature of the bridge, they may proceed without bringing it before the Historic Landmark Commission again.

Durow stated that a note would be sent to the Commission advising them of the final decision.

Gleason asked for additional comments.

Lambert moved to approve the recommendations of the Staff Report. McNary seconded. The motion carried unanimously; May abstained; Havercroft absent.

Lambert thanked all Staff and consultants. The Staff Report and the McGee Engineering report were extremely informative and educational. Gleason concurred.

PRESENTATION BY THE DALLES MURAL SOCIETY

Gary Honald, representing the Mural Society, showed the Commissioners some proposed sketches for murals on 1st Street. These murals would tell the 24 mile long Lewis and Clark story. This story covers their travels from Deschutes River to Crates Point. It would tie in nicely with the Lewis and Clark Celebration in 2005.

Commissioners asked which buildings would be involved. May suggested that they get off their seats and go look at the buildings.

After more discussion it was decided that the Historic Landmark Commissioners would meet with Gary Honald to do a walk through on 1st Street. They will meet in front of the City Hall Building at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 3, 2001. A notice will be put in the paper.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Gleason discussed the Ft. Dalles Museum. The Oregon Historical Society expressed interest in deeding it over. This would enable replacement of the vehicle shed.

Staff was directed to write a letter to the Oregon Historical Society.

Gleason also mentioned that Unity Rehabilitation(?) has expressed interest in the Waldron Drugstore building for a drug rehabilitation facility.

Durow said that the building is not habitable and would cost too much to make it habitable. He had already told them no.

Lambert left the meeting at 5:11 P.M.

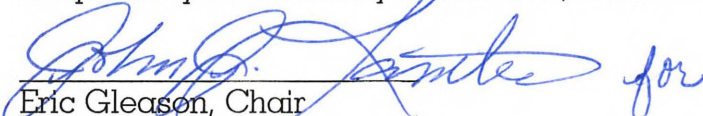
NEXT MEETING DATE

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary.


Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission

MEMO

March 29, 2001

TO: Historic Landmarks Commission

FR: Dan Durow 

RE: Mill Creek, West 6th Street Bridge

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Just a brief note to let you know that the bridge demolition work has been completed and reconstruction has started. This picture shows the first of many concrete pours that will happen over the next several weeks. The decision on the mid-span posts is to make them smaller than the original posts and be completely under the top concrete rail.

