



## **HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 23, 2003**

City Hall Council Chambers  
313 Court Streets  
The Dalles, OR 97058  
Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Eric Gleason called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following Commissioners were present: Eric Gleason, Bob McNary, Anita Clason, Dixie Parker, and Daniel Dundon

The following Commissioners were absent: None

Staff present: Dawn Hert, Planner  
Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Parker moved that the agenda be approved as amended. McNary seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Gleason asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 26, 2003. McNary moved to approve the minutes as submitted and Clason seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

### **PUBLIC HEARING-Quasi-Judicial**

- A. **Historic Landmarks Commission Application #81-03 of Wasco County and Fort Dalles Museum** to stabilize the Gardner's Cottage, moved to the site ca. 1939 and placed on stone piers, which are now deteriorating.

Chair Gleason informed the Commission that he is the applicant and is biased. He is recusing himself from the hearing.

McNary said he is also directly involved in this project and is biased, so he recused himself.

Clason said she is involved with the Fort Dalles Museum, but has no bias or conflict of interest for this project.

Planner Hert conferred with City Attorney Parker. Parker felt it was appropriate for Gleason and McNary to recuse themselves. Clason is able to remain, however.

Planner Hert presented the Staff Report and asked for questions. The Commission had no questions of Staff.

Clason opened the hearing for public testimony.

### **Proponent Testimony**

The first proponent to speak was Eric Gleason, 704 Case St., The Dalles, Oregon. Mr. Gleason is the applicant. Gleason gave a brief history of the Gardener's Cottage. He said it appears the cottage was originally built on a flat lot. In 1939 when the cottage was moved to its present location, it was placed on a sloping lot. Over the course of the years the piers have deteriorated and no longer offer the support needed for the building. One end of the foundation is touching the dirt and this has added to the deterioration. Gleason asked if there were any questions.

Dundon asked what the original use of the building was. Gleason said the Fort built the cottage as the quarters for the Fort gardener. The gardens were located by the Amaton Springs, which is now the site of The Dalles High School.

Robert McNary, 1525 E. 9<sup>th</sup>, The Dalles, Oregon spoke in favor of the application. McNary said in February they had placed some plumb bobs on the corners of the building to determine if there was any leaning over a period of time. In the next 45 days the building showed approximately ¼ inch additional lean. This needs to be taken care of soon.

### **Opponent Testimony**

There was no opponent testimony and Clason closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

### **Commissioner Deliberation**

Parker said it is a very prudent measure to take. Dundon agreed and said that the building is about to succumb to the oldest formula in life: wood plus dirt equals rot.

Dundon moved to approve HLC application 81-03 with conditions and Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Gleason and McNary abstaining.

**RESOLUTIONS** - Parker moved to adopt Resolution 78-03 approving HLC application 81-03 of Wasco County/Fort Dalles Museum, with conditions. Dundon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Gleason and McNary abstaining.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. Northern Wasco County Parks and Recreation District Annual Report

McNary said he and Gleason had completed a survey of the trees at the City Park. Six trees are missing, only three have been replaced. Some of the missing trees are not the trees recommended for immediate removal by the arborist report. It does not appear that the recommended maintenance of the diseased trees is happening.

McNary said the original replacement plan was to remove three of the dangerous trees and replace with three new trees beginning in the spring of 2002. This was to happen annually until all the trees recommended for removal were replaced.

Gleason said he had noticed that no pruning is taking place. Also, PUD is to help remove the diseased trees.

The arborist recommended the removal and maintenance program in 1999 and it has still not been implemented completely.

The Commission directed Staff to prepare a letter to Mr. Cozad and request a copy of the tree maintenance / management plan.

B. Special Meeting – April 30, 2003

Hert said a special meeting may be needed for the Historic Landmarks Commission on April 30, 2003 should the Urban Renewal Agency approve the study for the Wasco Warehouse Milling Company at their meeting on April 28, 2003. The special meeting will enable the Commission to request an additional 180-day suspension for the demolition of the building. The Commission will be called on Tuesday, April 29 by Secretary Ball to let them know if the meeting is necessary.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

McNary is concerned that there is still an active headstone in the Pioneer Cemetery. After a brief discussion Parker moved to direct Staff to contact Pat Coleman to help locate “Elizabeth” regarding her headstone. Clason seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Hert said Jodi Heath, a teacher from Colonel Wright School, takes her students to the Pioneer Cemetery for history classes and to do some headstone rubbings. Heath asked if her class could help with the maintenance of the Pioneer Cemetery by doing fundraisers. Clason said she would check into an educational grant for the Cemetery.

McNary wanted it in the minutes that the Historic Landmarks Commission is the body appointed by the City Council to oversee the Pioneer Cemetery. McNary said that now there is a volunteer group working without supervision. Hert said she would discuss the situation with Director Durow.

McNary issued a complaint. He said the knapweed is out of control at the Cemetery and the City needs to take care of it. It is a noxious weed and should not be allowed to spread.

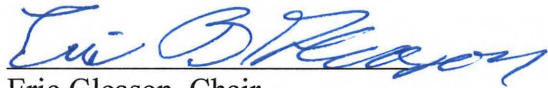
**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 28, 2003.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary.



Eric Gleason, Chair  
Historic Landmark Commission