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HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

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 4:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Eric Gleason, Bob McNary, & Dixie Parker

The following Commissioners were absent: Anita Clason

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

McNary moved that the agenda be approved as submitted. Parker seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously, Clason absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gleason asked if there were any corrections needed for the minutes of November 30, 2005. There were none. Parker moved to approve the minutes as submitted and McNary seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, Clason absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS – PUBLIC HEARING

Historic Landmarks Commission Application #92-05 of Jerome Poisac to convert Johnny's Cafe building into a new business called Amelie Bakery. The storefront will be converted into two large display windows with a double door in the middle. The new storefront will allow natural light into the building and pedestrian viewing of the products for sale. The property is located at 408 E. 2nd Street. The historic name of the building is the Uptown Café.

The rules for a public hearing were read. Gleason polled the Commission for ex-parte contact, bias, or conflict of interest. There was none. Gleason called for the Staff Report, which Hert summarized.

Proponent: Jerome Poisac, 1306 Bridge Street, The Dalles, OR. 97058, explained his proposal. Poisac said he would give up the proposed paned windows and also would look at installing transom windows. Poisac said he would like to do something similar to the Commodore.

There were no opponents or rebuttal.

Discussion: Gleason told the applicant to look into the special assessment program before proceeding with the proposed improvements.

The Commissioners and Staff briefly discussed historic guidelines regarding tile floors in recessed entries and double door entries.

Gleason closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Deliberation: Parker said she thinks it will be a wonderful improvement and Gleason agreed.

McNary said he would like some specifications regarding the door. Gleason said condition of approval number three could be changed to say "The rehabilitation will be required to be similar in mass, scale and materials as approved by the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and The Dalles Commercial Historic District design guidelines".

McNary moved to approve HLC 92-05 based upon the findings and the conditions of approval, with condition of approval number three as amended. Parker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Clason absent.

RESOLUTIONS

Parker moved to adopt HLC Resolution 88-05 with conditions as modified. McNary seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Clason absent.

PIONEER CEMETERY DISCUSSION

McNary said he thinks the fence is a wonderful idea. However, the grant should have been for the fence posts first. Now the fencing is lying on the ground serving no purpose. Hert said there are additional grants available and she will look into the fence post costs and grant funding or general fund monies. McNary asked if he could go up and roll the fence and the Commission and Staff said yes.

McNary said Earline Wasser has sent out a letter requesting contributions for the Cemetery Monument. McNary suggested that possibly the City could match the private contribution amount. The amount needed is \$4,000 and approximately \$1,000 has been raised so far. Hert said people who have family buried in the Cemetery may be willing to donate.

STAFF AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

McNary asked when the Commission vacancy might be filled. Hert said a second application was turned in to the Mayor and he will be making a decision in the near future. It appears the Commission may need to fill a second position due to absenteeism.

Gleason would like a better sketch of historic storefronts submitted with the application. Hert said she would talk to Director Durow about having something available for future applicants. Gleason suggested checking with SHPO to see if a grant is available.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2006. There is currently no business scheduled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary.



Eric Gleason, Chair

Historic Landmark Commission