

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, February 23, 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 4:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

The following Commissioners were absent: None

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

McNary moved that the agenda be approved as submitted. Dundon seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gleason asked if there were any corrections needed for the minutes of October 27, 2004. There were none. Clason moved to approve the minutes as submitted and McNary seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ACTION ITEMS

A. Goal Setting 2005 – Parker recommended removing Number 6, Short Term Goal –“ Develop a better application form” and it was agreed that the form has been improved.

Number 1, Short Term Goal – “Encourage and support restoration and preservation of the Wasco County Court House #2”, is being moved to Long Term Goals. The Commissioners agreed to add, “Encourage restoration of the Gitchell Building” and “Actively support Historic The Dalles Days” as new short-term goals.

Long Term Goal #3 should be changed to read” Encourage preservation and restoration of City Hall”. Long Term Goal # 6 – “Continue to assist with historic plaque costs & availability” will move to Short Term Goals.

Hert was directed by the Commission to send Hemstreet, the owner of the Shaker Village, a formal letter requesting a meeting. The Chronicle and Hemstreet’s lawyer should be copied on the letter.

Clason informed the Commission and Staff that a fundraiser is being organized for saving and completing the Lewis and Clark Memorial. If the City will allow it, park benches with a plaque will be sold for about \$5,000 each.

McNary requested that the new historic plaques be installed, especially the plaque for the Sixth Street Bridge. Hert said she would contact Dick Johnson to have the plaque installed. McNary wants a plaque at the old scale house for the Grain Elevator site. The Commission agreed it should be one of the fifteen plaques this year for which Hert has grant money.

DISCUSSION

Hert informed the Commission that the Fowler’s have scaled down the size of the residence for their historic property. Pictures were handed out of the new, proposed home as well as pictures of the original residence, which did have paned windows.

Clason said this home appears less intrusive than the original request.

Chair Gleason said it appears the root cellar location has been disturbed and artifacts seem to be scattered on the site. However, the excavation did not halt, which is a condition of approval for the development of the site.

After a brief discussion the Commission informed Hert that the new home application would need to come back to the Commission for a public hearing.

Doug Leasch, St. Peter’s Landmark representative, is requesting approval for the addition of an elevator shaft for ADA accessibility that would alter the exterior appearance near the front entrance. New stairs to the rear of the building and air conditioning are also planned. Pictures were provided to the Commission. After discussion, the Commission directed Staff to bring this request back to the Commission as a public hearing.

STAFF AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Hert notified the Board that Sally Donovan would be presenting the Pioneer Cemetery Preservation Plan to the City Council on March 14, 2005. Hert will be presenting the Historic Landmarks Commission Annual Report at the same meeting. Hert requested the Commissioners to attend if at all possible.

Hert notified the Commission that the City would be recommending Earline Wasser for the Oregon Historic Cemetery Commission vacancy. Hert invited the other Commissioners to write their support of this appointment also.

Hert reminded the Commission that the Oregon Historic Cemetery Commission would hold it's quarterly meeting at City Hall on May 13th from 1 to 3:30 p.m. with a tour of the Pioneer Cemetery following the meeting. The Commission members are invited to attend. The clean-up day for the Pioneer Cemetery is May 14th.

McNary said he believes a Head of the Pioneer Cemetery Board is necessary. One person needs to give direction and make decisions. Also, Earline Wasser should have someone who is responsible for overseeing her volunteer work.

Parker moved to have Robert McNary appointed as Chairman of the Pioneer Cemetery Board for all supervisory and designated business that cannot be handled at the regular Commission meeting with Earline Wasser as designee and Clason seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Hert will submit an application for the gardener's shed for the next meeting.

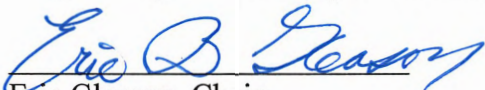
NEXT MEETING DATE

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary.



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission

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2005 Short Term Goals

1. Encourage restoration and preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery.
2. Provide educational assistance to help individual restorers by setting up a special assessment workshop.
3. Try to stabilize Shaker Village.
4. Establish a Historic resource center.
5. Support and encourage the preparation of a Master Site Plan by the Fort Dalles Museum.
6. Assist in saving and completing the Lewis and Clark Memorial and making it a local landmark.
7. Encourage restoration and preservation of The Lewis and Clark Rock Fort.
8. Update Historic Inventories.
9. Encourage restoration of the Waldron Drug/Gitchell Building.
10. Actively support Historic The Dalles Days.
11. Continue to assist with historic plaque costs & availability.

Long Term Goals

1. Continued support for restoration and preservation of the Wasco County Courthouse #2.
2. Designate other qualified areas as national historic districts.
3. Encourage preservation and restoration of City Hall.
4. Expand the downtown historic district.
5. Maintain CLG status.
6. Support Civic Building restoration.
7. Continue to supply information on Historic Open Houses.

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March 2, 2005

Mike Fowler
Century 21 Columbia Crest
207 W. 3 St.
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Dear Mike:

As per our telephone conversation on February 25, 2005, regarding the former structures at what was 212 and 216 W. 4th St and questions from the City of The Dalles Planning Department, more specifically the Historic Landmarks Commission.

The residences at both locations and a root cellar behind 216 were all demolished in 1983.

The 216 root cellar was a small, crude, separate structure behind the house and was partially in the dirt bank. It was approximately 4 foot by 5 foot with a double door and a wood roof with a tin covering. The walls were stone rubble construction with a dirt floor; the peak of the ceiling/slightly gabled roof from the inside was about 6 foot high at the highest point.

There was no separate structure behind 212 used as a root cellar. As I recall, the back porch door opened to an area next to the dirt bank that was a general catch-all. A crude lean-to roof provided some protection from the elements. The area was not enclosed except for a small wood shed next to the concrete steps on the east end.

If I can be of further assistance on this please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John Lundell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".