



HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 30, 2007

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 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

The following Commissioners were absent: Anita Clason

Staff present: Dawn Hert, Associate Planner
Carolyn Wood, City Council Rep.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of December 7, 2006: Commissioner McNary said the word "Parker" on page three, paragraph four should be removed. McNary moved to approve the minutes are corrected and Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously, Clason absent.

Minutes of December 27, 2006: McNary moved to approve the minutes are corrected and Parker seconded. The motion carried unanimously, Clason absent.

PUBLIC HEARING - Historic Landmarks Commission Application #102-07 of Kim Fitzgerald requesting Local Historic Nomination of Crosby/Taylor home. The home is located at 504 E. 5th Street.

Chair Gleason read the rules for conducting a public hearing. There were no ex-parte contacts, bias, or conflicts of interest by the Commissioners. There were no challenges from the audience. Chair Gleason opened the public hearing and asked for the Staff Report.

Associate Planner Hert presented the Staff Report. This house qualifies for historic designation because
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of its age, the people who have owned and lived in the house, and the architecture. Staff is recommending approval. There were no questions of Staff.

Proponent: Kimberli Fitzgerald, 1012 SW King Suite 104, Portland, OR 97205, spoke in favor of the application. She asked if the Commission had any questions.

Gleason asked if the home will also be placed on the National Register. Fitzgerald said that is the plan, possibly in July 2007.

Parker asked if there had been any alterations and Fitzgerald said only minor ones and they are compatible with the house.

Hashizume asked if you can access the house from 5th Street. Gleason said you have to access the property from the Clinic parking lot. Hert added that there is platted, unbuilt right-of-way adjacent to the property.

Opponent: None

Gleason closed the public testimony portion of the hearing. The Commissioners complimented Ms. Fitzgerald on the detail and information presented in the application.

Gleason reopened the public testimony portion of the hearing. Property owner Pat Smith joined in the Staff and Commission discussion regarding the builder R.D. Maxon. Charles Saunders, son of Carol and Edna Lois Saunders, was a classmate of Mrs. Smith and is related to R.D. Maxon. His work needs to be recognized also. He worked on the Reuter House on 8th and Laughlin. Smith has contacted Chuck Saunders, the grandson, for information but has not had a response yet.

Gleason closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the application for Local Historic Nomination of Crosby/Taylor home. Hashizume seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Clason absent.

RESOLUTIONS - Commissioner McNary moved to approve Resolution 97-07 Adopting HLC 102-07 and Commissioner Hashizume seconded. The motion carried unanimously, Clason absent.

PIONEER CEMETERY DISCUSSION – Earline Wasser, 1017 Pomona, Apt. B, The Dalles, Oregon reported to the Commission on the Pioneer Cemetery Cleanup May 19, 2007. There were a dozen hard-working volunteers that showed up for the three hours and really got a lot of work done. Several people gave donations and 40+ floral arrangements were purchased and placed on the individual graves.

Hert discussed the proposed work contract for the Pioneer Cemetery. Starting July 1, 2007, the sprinkler heads will be removed. The City has budgeted additional monies for one-time investment in a sign and fencing. Hert mentioned several additional projects that can be budgeted for in the next few years.

Councilor Wood asked how to find the location of a particular grave in Pioneer Cemetery. Chair Gleason explained that there is a list of who is buried in the cemetery but not where all graves are. There are a few markers left that are in the right location.

Hert told Wood that she would have Secretary Ball provide Wood with a copy of the cemetery preservation plan. Hert also said she would give Wood a copy of the "map" of the cemetery prepared by Gleason.

McNary discussed the possibility of discovering additional grave markers now that the maintenance is done regularly. He told Wood that a committee is working toward providing a common headstone with the names of all the people buried in the cemetery.

Gleason asked if there was any plan for starting headstone restoration and Hert said no. Staff and Commission discussed the possibility of taking a class.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS: McNary will not be available on June 27th and suggested a different date if a special meeting is needed. McNary will also not be available for the July meeting.

Hert updated the Commission on the June 30, 2007 City Hall sesquicentennial display and function.

Hert has received the report on Joseph G. Wilson for historical record keeping, which was done by Sally Donovan. Hert said the sale has not been finalized, to her knowledge.

Commissioners and Staff discussed the vacant HLC position with Councilor Wood.

There was a brief discussion regarding the historic homes that have been moved and/or remodeled recently.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2007 but there is no business scheduled at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Administrative Secretary.


~~Eric Gleason, Chair~~ Bob McNary, Vice Chairman
Historic Landmark Commission