

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

October 22, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Parker called the meeting to order at 4:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Dixie Parker
John Hashizume
Pat Smith

The following Commissioners were absent: Eric Gleason
Bob McNary

Staff present: Dawn Hert, Associate Planner
Brenda Green, Admin. Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Hashizume seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, Gleason and McNary absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes of September 24, 2008 and October 1, 2008 as submitted. Commissioner Hashizume seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, Gleason and McNary absent.

PUBLIC HEARING - Historic Landmarks Commission Application 111-08 of Commstructure Consulting, LLC, to attach fiber conduit and cable to the underside of Mill Creek Bridge. Installation will mirror the gas lines that are currently attached to the historic bridge. The bridge is located in the 600 block on W 6th Street. The historic name of this structure is the Mill Creek Bridge. The structure is classified as Secondary Historic and is located in Trevitt's Addition.

Commissioner Parker 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. Parker opened the public hearing and asked for the Staff Report.

Associate Planner Hert presented the Staff Report. She explained where the proposed conduit will be installed and noted that in the Staff Report on page 1, it should read "gas lines were placed under the

north side of the bridge”, instead of the south side. She also pointed out that page two of the staff report should read “conduit is proposed to be installed on the south side of the bridge and mirror the existing gas line on the north side. Hert went over the three suggested conditions of approval and stated that staff recommends approval of the application. Hert specifically pointed out that the applicant will only need to go through an archeological review if any resources or materials are discovered during excavation. Hert summarized by reminding the commissioners that they are only making a decision based on what is being done on the bridge.

Proponent: Paul Dix, 61359 Brienne Place, Bend OR 97702, consultant for applicant. Mr. Dix clarified that the proposed fiber lines will be being installed on the opposite side of the bridge that the gas lines are on. He stated that the lines will be a lightweight, fiberglass conduit of a color that will match the bridge.

Associate Planner Hert interjected that since Commissioner Gleason could not attend the meeting he discussed the application with her. She shared that he does not see any issues and supports the application.

Commissioner Hashizume shared his concern about structural damage and asked if the applicant will be drilling into the bridge. Mr. Dix replied that they will drill in approximately 2 inches; they will then also use a two part epoxy and a vertical hanger. He assured the commissioners that they could be easily removed in the future without any damage.

Opponent: Lenore Clifford; 531 W 3rd Place, The Dalles OR 97058. Mrs. Clifford stated that she lives just before the bridge and that she does not understand who is profiting from the installation of the lines. Her concern was also in regards to who decided that the construction should go down 3rd Place. She asked why historic streets are being torn up.

Commissioner Parker explained that the Historic Landmarks Commission is not involved with decisions about the streets, only regarding the Historic Bridge.

Associate Planner Hert suggested to Mrs. Clifford that she talk with Transportation Manager Bill Barrier regarding procedures for doing construction on streets. Hert gave Mrs. Clifford the contact information for Mr. Barrier.

Rebuttal: Mr. Dix felt that the opponent’s comments did not address the fiber optic lines being connected to the bridge; consequently he stated that he did not have a rebuttal.

Commissioner Parker closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

Deliberation: Commissioner Hashizume stated that as far as he could see it would just be small bolts that would not damage the structure and added that he felt they should approve the application.

Commissioner Smith felt that most people won’t even know the lines are there. Commissioner Parker added; unless they are standing directly under the bridge.

Commissioner Hashizume moved to approve application HLC 111-08 with three conditions of approval as submitted. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, Gleason and McNary absent.

RESOLUTION: Commissioner Smith moved to adopt Resolution 106-08 approving HLC 111-08. Commissioner Hashizume seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Gleason and McNary absent.

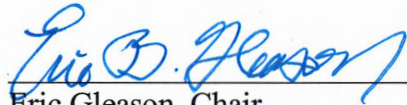
COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS: Commissioner Parker asked if there was any updated information regarding the house at 423 W 3rd Place. Associate Planner Hert stated that she had not heard any new information.

Associate Planner Hert informed the commissioners that a letter would be going to Kay Jewelers regarding the non-historic color they painted the front of the store. She assured them that the goldenrod color they chose was not approved through the planning office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:32pm.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: November 26, 2008

Submitted by Brenda Green, Administrative Secretary



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission