

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

July 16, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gleason called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

Eric Gleason
Bob McNary
Dixie Parker
John Hashizume
Pat Smith

The following Commissioners were absent: None

Staff present:

Associate Planner Dawn Hert
City Councilor Carolyn Woods
Planning Tech. Denise Ball

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Parker moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McNary moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2008. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - Historic Landmarks Commission Application #107-08 of Kase

Construction for The Bank Hotel. REQUEST: This application is for a Historic Landmarks Commission hearing to allow a rear deck on an existing historic building. **LOCATION:** Property is located at 209 E. 2nd St. and is further described as 1N 13E 3BD tax lot 3700. Property is zoned "CBC" – Central Business Commercial/Downtown Historic District.

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 repair and expansion of the rear landing/deck is consistent with both the General Ordinance #94-1194 and The Dalles Comprehensive Plan as well as meeting the standards of the Secretary of the Interior. Hert asked the Commission if they had any questions of Staff.

Commissioner Parker asked if the white refrigeration unit was staying or going. Hert explained that the proposed deck was to the east of the refrigeration unit. The existing stair will be removed and relocated on the east end of the new deck.

PROponent: The applicant, Darris Garcia, Kase Construction, 215 Court St., spoke in favor of the application. She explained that the deck will be constructed of "Sun wood", which is pressure treated wood, slip resistant, and without perforations. The support materials will be regular pressure treated lumber.

Commissioner McNary asked if the fire escape was historic and what would be happening with it in respect to the deck project. McNary felt someone might hit their head on it, or use it to climb to the roof.

Ms. Garcia said the fire escape could go if the Commission required it.

Commissioner McNary asked why the deck is so small.

Michael Leash, 306 Court St., a proponent and the owner of the building, explained that Oregon's smoking laws have changed and will be changing again the first of the year. The Wagon, renamed The Vault, wants to accommodate their patrons who smoke and this size deck will accomplish that. The lower platform of the fire escape will be removed so people won't hit their heads or climb up to the roof. Future building improvements will require the removal of both the front and rear fire escapes as the building will have to be brought up to current fire, life, safety codes.

OPponent: None

REBUTTAL: None

Chair Gleason closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

DELIBERATION: Commissioner Parker asked if this was a change of use and Hert explained that the business will continue to operate the way it has so there is no change of use at this time. Parker said she could see no reason to deny the application.

Commissioner McNary agreed with Parker and added that it will help the appearance of the rear of the building. Hert added that The Vault has also received an interior remodel.

Commissioner Parker moved to approve HLC Application 107-08 as prepared by Staff. Commissioner Hashizume seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS – Commissioner McNary moved to adopt Resolution 102-08 approving HLC 107-08 with conditions of approval as recommended by Staff. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NORTHERN WASCO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT: Staff and Commissioners reviewed the annual report. Parker commented that the Black Locust trees are slowly going away. Commissioner McNary said he is still unhappy about the aluminum cover over the stage. He believes it is not very historic. McNary asked who maintains the Tucker Sherman Rose Garden and Commissioner Smith said it is Donna Sauncy.

PIONEER CEMETERY DISCUSSION: - Associate Planner Hert reported that the new arched sign will be installed soon as well as painting the posts. Commissioner McNary stated he has been working on fence posts. Hert told the Commission that City Council has approved the budget for the front wrought iron fencing. Councilor Wood was urged to go see the Cemetery to see what the City Council dollars have bought. McNary and Hert agreed to check with Home Depot about the fencing materials needed for the south fence.

The Commission and Staff thanked Commissioner McNary for all of his hard work at the Cemetery.

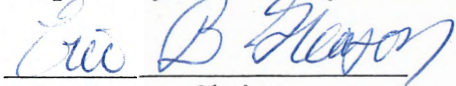
COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS: Associate Planner Hert stated that the Historic Train Depot bench restoration is complete. Commissioner Smith plans on donating the original pigeon hole from the original train depot in The Dalles.

Hert added that she would contact Sandy Bisset of the Genealogical Society regarding their offer to paint the fence at the Cemetery.

Councilor Wood informed the Commission about a workshop at the Discovery Center. It is being sponsored by an educational coalition for all Historic groups and will be held Friday, July 18th from 10 am until 2 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Planning Tech.



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission