

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

October 27, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair McNary called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

Bob McNary
Dixie Parker
Pat Smith
Dennis Davis

The following Commissioners were absent: Eric Gleason

Staff present:

Dawn Hert, Associate Planner
Carolyn Wood, City Councilor
Brenda Green, Admin. Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was pointed out that the agenda did not include a resolution to be approved, or a time for public comments for items not on the agenda. Those items were added to the agenda.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the agenda with the additions. It was seconded by Commissioner Davis. The motion carried unanimously; Gleason absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes of September 22, 2010 as submitted. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously; Gleason absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS none

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Historic Landmarks Commission Application #123-10 of Curtis Baker, to repair and restore the exterior west wall of the old rail station building. Plans include construction of the awning to continue around the building, replacing the roofing to match the original, and painting of the historic resource. The structure is located at 1006 & 1008 E 2nd St and is further described as 1N 13E 3DA tax lot 3900 & 1N 13E 3DB tax lot 5500. The property is classified as Historical – The Dalles Historic Inventory and was historically known as The Dalles Southern Railway Station. Property is zoned “CBC” –

Central Business Commercial.

Vice Chair McNary 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. McNary opened the public hearing and asked for the Staff Report.

Associate Planner Hert presented the Staff Report. Hert summarized Mr. Baker's request and then gave a brief history of the building. Hert went over the findings in the Staff Report. She then stated that records indicated the building was constructed in 1915, but that Mr. Baker had a photo that stated construction being 1914. Hert then added that another photo had been located that was labeled 1912. There was a structure in the picture that looked similar to the current structure but had a different roof style. The picture was passed among the Commissioners and a discussion concluded that the actual construction of the current building would have been 1914-1915.

Associate Planner Hert called attention to the picture in the application packet which showed a small window on the West side of the building that had been modified. She stated that at this time the window would be left as is. Hert informed the Commission that the applicant proposed to complete the siding and awning in a manner which will match the original structure.

Councilor Wood asked if the building had been moved. Associate Planner Hert replied yes, it used to be in what is now Second Street. There was a discussion about what vantage point the pictures were taken from as well as a discussion about when the wooden mill building was built, burnt down, and subsequently rebuilt as the structure which remains today. The agreement was that the current concrete mill was built in 1912.

Associate Planner Hert stated that the applicant is proposing to utilize all natural materials in his renovations. She summarized her report by stating that the application is consistent with the relevant ordinances and comprehensive plan. She stated that staff is recommending approval. Hert then read the four conditions of approval.

Commissioner McNary asked if there was enough room to restore the awning on the side of the south side of the building next to the cliff. Associate Planner Hert explained that the application was only proposing to construct the awning on the West side of the building. McNary pointed out where the staff report reads "to continue around the building..." and suggested changing the wording to "continue around the West side of the building". Commissioner Davis expressed his agreement, pointing out that the old photo shows it going all the way around. Hert stated that she would make that change.

Associate Planner Hert pointed out the power box that Mr. Baker was required to put in on the West wall.

Proponent: Jerry Tanquist, 4696 Fifteen Mile Road, The Dalles. Mr. Tanquist clarified that the railroad was built in 1905 and that it was known as the Great Southern Railroad. The depot was known as the Great Southern Railroad Depot until 1932 when the railroad went into bankruptcy and a brother-in-law took it over and renamed it. He stated that the fire was 1910, that the mill was rebuilt in 1911 and that the depot was probably about right as being built around 1912.

Mr. Tanquist stated that he was in favor of the application and that he wanted to commend Homer Baker who owned the depot building for many years and preserved and maintained it, which is now being done by his son Curtis. Tanquist also stated that he would like to say a larger word in terms of the historic entry that is now on the Eastern end of town with the mill, the roundabout, the depot, the brewery and the warehouse on the north side of Second Street. He stated that it's a wonderful collection of historic The Dalles buildings and shared that he is happy to see the City preserving it. He added that it has really enhanced the historic value. Tanquist explained that he had spoken with Jeff Stewart who is doing the painting at the roundabout and shared that he felt the artwork he is doing is a nice touch. Tanquist also felt that the access to the depot had been improved from what it used to be. He stated that it turned out really nice and summarized by stating that he would like to commend the City father, Historic Landmarks Commission and the others who are responsible for making it all happen.

Opponent: none

Vice-Chair McNary closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

DELIBERATION: none

Commissioner Parker moved to approve application HLC 123-10 of Curtis Baker with the four conditions of approval as recommended. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

RESOLUTION

Commissioner Smith moved to adopt Resolution 118-10 approving HLC 123-10 with the proposed changes to the wording regarding the awning "to continue around the West side of the building" being made to the project description. The paint colors will be decided later. Commissioner Parker seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

DISCUSSION

Vice Chair McNary talked about the earlier use of the building and that there was a young man in the building and he decided that he was going to have a wood stove for heating. After filling the store with smoke from his fire, the young man discovered that the chimney had been closed over. McNary said the chimney may still be in the building and has possibly been bricked in. Hert said she would discuss it with Mr. Baker and see if is planning to recreate it for appearance sake.

Pat Smith said the building was a restaurant in the 1940's and a Second Hand Store in the 70's.

The electrical box on the end of the building is required by the power company. McNary asked if it could be concealed or color blended. Hert said she will make the suggestion.

McNary said Mr. Tanquist had requested putting in a display, in a small corner of the building, of Great Southern Railroad memorabilia. His request was not well received. Hert said she would be surprised if the Baker's didn't want it, perhaps it was the tenant. She will discuss it with Mr. Baker.

Carolyn Wood asked if ideas such as this display could be encouraged. Hert said Staff does recommend Historic Plaques for the historic buildings and Curtis Baker has indicated he wants to identify the structure. Wood said the Baldwin has a historic building brochure they hand out. These would be another way to keep the history in circulation.

Dixie Parker said Attorney Van Valkenburg was hired to come to The Dalles to close down the eleven brothels operating in downtown The Dalles. Parker said it was a fascinating story. Hert said Terry Turner's furniture store was one of the brothels. Dr. Skirving provided medical care to the prostitutes.

McNary asked where he might be able to find some of Judge Wilson's writing when he was 20 to 30 years old. Caroline Wood said Sandy Bissette would be a good person to ask. McNary said you have to be careful when looking up Judge Wilson because there are two of them. Samuel Wilson who was a territorial judge and Fred Wilson was the Circuit Judge from the 1920's. Fred Wilson is the author McNary is discussing. This is Elizabeth Wilson's father.

Hert said the new Oregon Archives will be open from 10 am to 2 pm this Saturday.

PIONEER CEMETERY DISCUSSION

Associate Planner Hert updated the Commission on the recent Headstone Resetting Class held October 10th. Hert will be receiving invoices and photos of the event. Hert will share the details of the event with City Council to keep them informed on progress taking place in the Cemetery.

Davis said he was very impressed with the Class. Smith said they were very passionate about it. Hert said she will schedule another day in the Spring. She held off on having pictures and a story in the paper until after Halloween.

Hert said McNary is working with the college for an easement on the hillside.

Wire fencing is available at Davis Wire, with shipping it is around \$1800.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS:

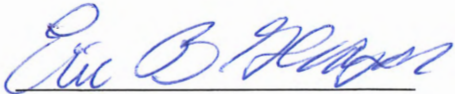
Hert updated the Commission on the RFP for the preservation plan of the Rock Fort, which is owned by Wasco County. The original plan was for the City to prepare the management plan and have the County implement it before giving Rock Fort to the City. It looks like the transfer might take place earlier now.

Pat Smith asked about the headstones from the cemetery on E. 19th and Dry Hollow and wondered where they are. Hert said she understood they were moved to the IOOF on Three Mile Road. McNary said during excavation burials were not in the location they thought they were. The remains were respectfully handled and taken care of.

NEXT MEETING: November 24, 2010: Associate Planner Hert pointed out that the date is the day before Thanksgiving and asked if the Commissioners were willing to move the meeting to November 17, 2010. The Commissioners stated their willingness.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm

Submitted by Brenda Green, Administrative Secretary



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission



Birdseye View, looking West, The Dalles, Ore.

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