

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

August 25, 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Parker moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously; Gleason absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Smith moved to approve the minutes of May 26, 2010 as submitted. Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously; Gleason absent.

Councilor Wood expressed her appreciation for all the help with cleaning up the Rock Fort site. Vice-Chair McNary clarified that the curb is not painted yellow in front of Rock Fort consequently parking is allowed along the street.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Historic Landmarks Commission Application #122-10 of Fort Dalles Museum, to repaint the exterior of the Fort Dalles Surgeon's Quarters to the original historical colors, and bring the exterior back to its 1856 appearance. The structure is located at 500 W 15th and is further described as 1N 13E 4DB tax lot 10400. The property is classified as Primary – State Inventory #55. Property is zoned "P/OS" – Parks and Open Space.

Vice-Chair McNary read the rules for conducting a public hearing and asked the commissioners if there were any no ex-parte contacts, bias, or conflicts of interest by the Commissioners. Commissioner Davis shared that he was a neighbor of the property. McNary declared that he was an employee of Fort Dalles. Neither Commissioner felt that their connection to the property would affect their decision

regarding the application. 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 described the applicant's request and explained that it was brought before the Commission due to the fact that the exterior had been without paint for so long, that applying the historically accurate paint colors would be a drastic change. With a drastic change, staff wanted to make sure that the public had the opportunity to comment.

Proponent:

Sam Woolsey, 751 E 18th St, The Dalles explained that he was originally concerned with putting paint on the building but after talking to the State Historic Preservation Office and to Ken Karsmiski who had done a lot of research into the military archives, he learned that paint would be the preferable way to maintain the building in regards to preservation. He stated that as a member of the museum commission his job was to protect and preserve the building therefore he is in favor of the application.

Opponent: none

Councilor Wood suggested encouraging the local paper to print an article regarding the proposed painting to help the public understand what is happening and why. Mr. Woolsey agreed.

Commissioner Davis pointed out how noticeable it had become that the wood siding was deteriorating and consequently felt it would be very important to put the paint on to preserve it from deteriorating any further.

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

DELIBERATION: none

Commissioner Parker moved to approve application HLC 122-10 with three conditions of approval as submitted. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

There was a general discussion about obtaining the monies to have the Fort painted and about ways to publicize the plans. Mr. Woolsey shared that there was not an established timeline.

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Davis moved to adopt Resolution 117-10 approving HLC 122-10 with three conditions of approval. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

PIONEER CEMETERY DISCUSSION

Associate Planner Hert shared that they have a draft agreement with Donovan and Associates to conduct a headstone resetting workshop. Once the agreement is signed off on, a Saturday date will be picked in late September or early October. Invitations will be sent out.

Associate Planner Hert gave an update on the RFP for Rock Fort and an update on the grant for the rear gate at the Pioneer Cemetery.

Vice-Chair McNary felt that a rear gate was not necessary and that security would be better without having a gate. There was a general discussion about the property behind the cemetery, the alley and the structure that was built there. The general agreement was to abandon the plan to install a rear gate.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Davis shared that the Fort Dalles Museum ^{Foundation} had obtained its 501c3 status and is now applying for a grant through ODOT to construct a vehicle building in which to house the historic wagons. Davis requested that a letter of support be submitted from the Historic Landmarks Commission. Mr. Woolsey stated that the City is also writing a letter and that the grant has a deadline of September 30, 2010. Woolsey shared that Randy Kaatz, architect, had put together a design for the vehicle building that will blend in with the other structures on the property.

Commissioner Parker made a motion to direct staff to prepare a letter in support of the project to be signed by Historic Landmarks Commission Chair Eric Gleason. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. It carried with McNary, Parker and Smith voting yes, Davis abstained, Gleason absent.

Councilor Wood suggested requesting a letter of support from the Discovery Center. Mr. Woolsey stated that they would follow up on that idea.

STAFF COMMENTS:

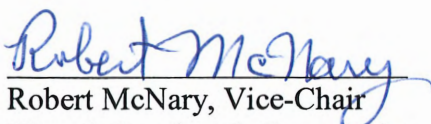
Councilor Wood asked for clarification of the RFP being issued for Rock Fort. Associate Planner Hert explained that the request was for a maintenance and preservation plan. Hert stated that the City of The Dalles will be contributing the matching funds for the grant that was received. Wood and Vice-Chair McNary discussed the gravel that had been brought into the Rock Fort area with the intention of leveling it out. They also discussed and agreed that the broken rock that had been hauled in and piled up should be removed.

Vice-Chair McNary asked if The Mint was on the National Historic Registry. Associate Planner Hert clarified that they were not on the National Registry but they were locally inventoried which meant that they were subject to local historic ordinances.

Commissioner Smith asked why the fence was allowed at the historic home on 3rd place without a review by the Commission. Hert explained that the picket fence met the historic guidelines. The previous fence in question was reviewed by the Commission because it was not a typical picket fence so staff had wanted the Commission's review.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Submitted by Brenda Green, Administrative Secretary


Robert McNary, Vice-Chair
Historic Landmark Commission