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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MINUTES CITY OF THE DALLES HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Meeting held via Zoom

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McNary called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bev Eagy, Forust Ercole, Eric Gleason, Doug Leash and Bob McNary

Commissioners Absent:

Others Present: Museum Commission Representative Donna Lawrence

Others Absent: City Councilor Scott Randall

Staff Present: Senior Planner Dawn Hert and Secretary Paula Webb

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Eagy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Eagy and seconded by Leash to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 3/0; Eagy, Leash and McNary in favor, none opposed, Ercole and Gleason absent.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair McNary invited nominations for Chair.

Commissioners Leash and Eagy nominated Bob McNary for Chair.

Chair McNary and Commissioner Leash nominated Forust Ercole for Vice Chair.

The nomination of Bob McNary for Chair passed 3/0; Eagy, Leash and McNary in favor, none opposed, Ercole and Gleason absent.

The nomination of Forust Ercole for Vice Chair passed 3/0; Eagy, Leash and McNary in favor, none opposed, Ercole and Gleason absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Leash and seconded by Eagy to approve the minutes of November 18, 2020 as written. The motion passed 3/0; Eagy, Leash and McNary in favor, none opposed, Ercole and Gleason absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC HEARING

Historic Landmarks Commission Application 184-20, Mattieu Alirol, 515 W. Third Place

Chair McNary read the rules of a public hearing. He then asked if any Commission members had ex parte contact, conflict of interest, or bias which would prevent an impartial decision. Hearing none, Chair McNary opened the public hearing at 4:14 p.m.

Senior Planner Hert presented the staff report.

Matthieu Alirol, 515 W. Third Place, The Dalles

Mr. Alirol stated the proposed garage would provide safety for their cars; there is significant foot traffic in the area. He said a lot of money was spent to restore the house; the garage will match the appearance of the house.

Commissioner Leash said the application was one of the best he had seen and complimented the architect; it is a beautiful job in matching the style of house and materials.

Commissioner Eagy agreed. She enjoyed reading the history of the house.

Chair McNary said he was in favor of the application.

Commissioner Ercole joined the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Chair McNary closed the public hearing at 4:28 p.m.

It was moved by Ercole and seconded by Leash to approve HLC 184-20 of Matthieu Alirol to site and construct a detached garage with the three recommended conditions of approval. The motion passed 4/0; Eagy, Ercole, Leash and McNary in favor, none opposed, Gleason absent.

Museum Representative Donna Lawrence joined the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

RESOLUTION

Resolution HLC 173-21: Approval of HLC 184-20, Matthieu Alirol

Commissioner Gleason re-joined the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

It was moved by Eagy and seconded by Leash to approve HLC Resolution 173-21, approving application HLC 184-20 of Matthieu Alirol, with the three recommended conditions of approval. The motion passed 4/0; Eagy, Ercole, Leash and McNary in favor, none opposed, Gleason abstained.

Chair McNary commented on the fence rebuilt by Charles and Connie-Marie Sanders [HLC 182-20, 531 W. Third Place]. He said the fence looks wonderful; the Commission should send them a thank you note. Commissioner Eagy agreed.

2021 GOAL SETTING

Additions are in bold face, deletions are crossed out.

Short-Term Goals (1-2 years):

- Encourage preservation and re-use of the Waldron-Gitchell Building. (Retained)
- Update Historic Ordinance and Design Standards. (Retained)
- Provide a historic restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors. (Retained)
- Collaborate **with Main Street** and The Dalles Art Center **on further downtown restoration project goals.** (Revised)
- Support the restoration and preservation of the Civic Auditorium building. (Retained)
- Support the creation of walking tours of historic properties, Pioneer Cemetery and encourage historic building open houses. (Revised)
- Encourage preservation and continued use of Rock Fort by using the adopted Preservation and Maintenance Plan. (Retained)
- Encourage or support addition of a student representative. (Retained)
- Provide informational signage at Pioneer Cemetery **regarding history**, landscaping and maintenance ~~burials~~. (Revised)
- **Paint and provide maintenance for existing fencing and walkways at Pioneer Cemetery.** (Added)
- Encourage the fabrication and installation of historic plaques throughout the community, including Pulpit Rock and Amoton Field. (Retained)
- Create a concept design for historic building plaques. (Retained)
- Encourage the preservation and restoration of City Hall, ~~specifically Council Chambers.~~ (Revised)
- **Apply for a grant to create a Preservation Plan for The Dalles.** (Added)

Long-Term Goals (3-5 years):

- Support the Fort Dalles Museum and Vehicle Storage Display Building. (Retained)
- Support and advocate for the preservation and continued use of The Dalles High School and Colonel Wright Elementary School. (Retained)
- Encourage continued preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown. (Retained)

- Encourage the restoration and preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery and establish an inventory link/listing on the City’s website. (Retained)

Continuous Goals:

- Facilitate educational assistance to help restorers with assessment and other historic preservation needs. (Retained)
- Provide annual recognition of historic restorations, including onsite acknowledgement and media coverage. (Retained)
- Encourage historic restoration for downtown by providing historic background research. (Retained)
- Encourage the collection and preservation of local history, including irreplaceable oral and written histories. (Retained)
- Update historic inventories and encourage new nominations to local and national registry districts. (Retained)
- Maintain Certified Local Government status. (Retained)
- ~~Actively support historic month and local history.~~ (Removed)
- Assist with historic plaque costs and availability. (Retained)
- Keep the Historic Walking Tour current in all formats. (Retained).
- Increase communication on all Urban Renewal projects, vision and goals. (Retained)
- Increase communication with Main Street for all projects, vision and goals pertaining to historic projects. (Retained)

STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Senior Planner Hert noted the “Flying A Service” neon sign had been installed in the wrong location of the Optimo Cigar Building. She contacted Don Warren, The Dalles Main Street, regarding the error. Mr. Warren stated they ran into trouble while installing the sign; he approved the new location. Senior Planner Hert provided three options to remedy the error:

- 1) Place the sign on the alley face,
- 2) Remove the sign, repair the building façade, and submit a new application to install the sign in a different location, or
- 3) Submit a new application to retain the sign in the current location.

Senior Planner Hert stated staff could not support retention of the sign in the current location.

Chair McNary stated further discussion should be held after receipt of a new application.

Senior Planner Hert said due to COVID we are unable to host the Brick Repair Workshop. She has received authorization to use those funds to expand the Historic Walking Tour.

Commissioner Leash said he was skeptical at first about the neon signs, but he likes them. The gate installed at the northwest corner of St. Peter’s Landmark was taken to The Dalles Iron

Works to expand the width. The brickwork on that corner is in need of repair; Commissioner Leash will follow up with Victor Johnson. Although St. Peter's Landmark is closed, a Russian group recently rented the space for filming. Lots of interesting things are going on.

Commissioner Ercole asked if the Wall Dogs were still coming to The Dalles. Senior Planner Hert replied the Wall Dogs have postponed for a year. Murals must have approval from the Historic Landmarks Commission.

Commissioner Gleason said the Fort Dalles Surgeon's Quarters suffered tree damage. The tree knocked the eave off the southwest corner and damaged the roof. Repairs are scheduled. Repairs have been made to the Gardener's House. The wall and door was straightened and replacement siding was installed. Next, missing windows will be replaced.

Commissioner Gleason said Guard House bars were dug out of the sod and put in concrete footings. Interpretive signs will be attached. In the process of remounting, a stamp was discovered on the bars. The stamp could be from either the provider of the iron or the blacksmith that fabricated the bars. The history of those items will be explored.

Commissioner Gleason said the restored doors have been placed in the Chinese Building. The doors have removable shutters to protect the glass.

Commissioner Eagy received a call from Mark Steiner. Steiner is making a musical on Ben Snipes, and would like to use Commissioner Eagy's house as the background.

Chair McNary said about thirty years ago he inherited memorabilia from the Leonard Cox, who was involved in establishing The Dalles Municipal Airport. Recently, he showed up on Chair McNary's doorstep. McNary said there's a long, wonderful story about Mr. Cox. McNary would like to delve further into the box.

Senior Planner Hert said plaques will be installed adjacent to the neon signs next month.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 24, 2021. There are no applications at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Eagy to adjourn the meeting.

Chair McNary adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Paula Webb, Secretary
Community Development Department


Robert McNary, Chair