

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

AGENDA

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2022

4:00 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Approval of December 20, 2021 Beautification Minutes
5. PRESENTATION
 - A. The Dalles Art Center – Art Committee Update
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - A. Stop The Drop/All Together The Dalles Monthly Cleanup
 - B. Trees – Citywide
 - C. Benches/Planters/Trash Cans
 - D. Wind Sculptures
 - E. Ordinance – Enhance Empty Buildings Downtown
 - F. Fountain – New Volunteer Maintenance
 - G. Howe Park
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Gitchell/Waldron Drug Discussion - Krummrich
8. Next Meeting: January 17, 2022, 4 pm
Items for next meeting:
9. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting conducted Via ZOOM

Prepared by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

CITY OF THE DALLES

"By working together, we will provide services that enhance the vitality of The Dalles"

MINUTES

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021

VIA ZOOM

PRESIDING: Tiffany Prince

MEMBERS PRESENT: Connie Krummrich, John Nelson, Bill Lennox, Debi Ferrer

ABSENT: Adam Rahmlow

GUEST: None

Staff Liaison: Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

President Tiffany Prince called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

ROLL CALL

City Clerk Izetta Grossman conducted roll call; Prince, Krummrich, Nelson, Lennox, Ferrer present; Rahmlow absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Krummrich to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5 to 0; Nelson, Krummrich, Lennox, Prince, Ferrer voting in favor; Rahmlow absent; none opposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Lennox and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2021 Regular Beautification Committee Meeting as presented. The motion carried 4 to 0, 1 abstained; Lennox, Nelson, Krummrich, Prince voting in favor; Ferrer abstained; Rahmlow absent; none opposed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Holiday Decorations Award

Prince announced the winners.

Futuristic: Cornerstone Church, 1313 Mt. Hood Street

Traditional: 922 East 10th

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Grandiose: 3800 West 6th Street/ET Holiday Lights

Prince said the ornaments from the Workshop had been picked up and she was delivering them this week. She said the ornaments were shaped like a gingerbread house, and had the words The Dalles Beautification Committee Holiday Decoration Award 2021.

Grossman shared the videos provided by Nelson. She said she would post the winners on Facebook on Tuesday, and that the addresses had been given to the Finance Department to be placed on the utility bills.

ACTION ITEMS

Project list- subcommittees

After much discussion the Committee agreed to the following projects:

Stop The Drop/All Together The Dalles Monthly Clean ups

Krummrich is the lead. She is working with Rachel Carter on the calendar for 2022.

Citywide Tree Plan

Lennox and Ferrer leads. Ideas: survey of existing trees, small business grants. Ask Councilor Richardson and Executive Director Tory Davis to attend January 17, 2022 meeting to get their thoughts.

Benches/Planters/Trashcans

Prince in contact with Community Development Director Alice Cannon to determine which Urban Renewal Agenda the Committee could attend and discuss coordination of 1st/2nd/3rd Street benches/planters/trashcans.

Grossmans said the City was planning on adding some benches to Lewis and Clark Park. She asked that the purchase wait until the Beautification Committee and Urban Renewal could meet to coordinate purchases.

Grossman will ask Councilor Richardson and Executive Director Tory Davis to attend January 17, 2022 meeting to get their thoughts.

Wind Sculptures

Krummrich and Nelson are the subcommittee. Krummrich has identified some sculptures. Next step identify locations.

There was some discussion regarding Howe Park and having conversations with Scott Baker from Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation. The consensus of the Committee is the neighborhood park is a diamond in the rough, that would spark community pride if brought up to date.

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Fountain Volunteer

In the spring the Committee will actively search for a plumbing volunteer to take on Vogt Fountain.

Ordinances

Received some information from Community Development Department (CDD), need to follow up on next steps. Grossman will talk with CDD after the first of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

It was the consensus of the Committee that coordination with other entities was key to success with the larger projects.

Prince said she had been in contact with Scott Stephenson regarding getting an update on the parklet project at the Discounts Plus/Old JC Penney parking lot. She said she would follow-up with him and Tonya Brumley from Northwest Natural Gas, who is on the Art Committee.

The next meeting will be January 3, 2022 pm, 4 pm.

Items for the January 3rd agenda

Committee Reports

Presentation Scott Stephenson-The Dalles Art Center, Art Committee Update

Gitchell/Waldron Drug Discussion

Items for the January 17th agenda

Invite Councilor Dan Richardson and Main Street Executive Director Tory Davis to attend for discussion on Benches/Planters/Trash cans downtown and trees.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Submitted by/

Izetta Grossman, CMC

City Clerk

SIGNED:

Tiffany Prince, President

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ATTEST:

Izetta Grossman, CMC, City Clerk

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Various Modern and Historic Views of the Waldron Brothers Drugstore,
The Dalles, Oregon, Built ca. 1865.

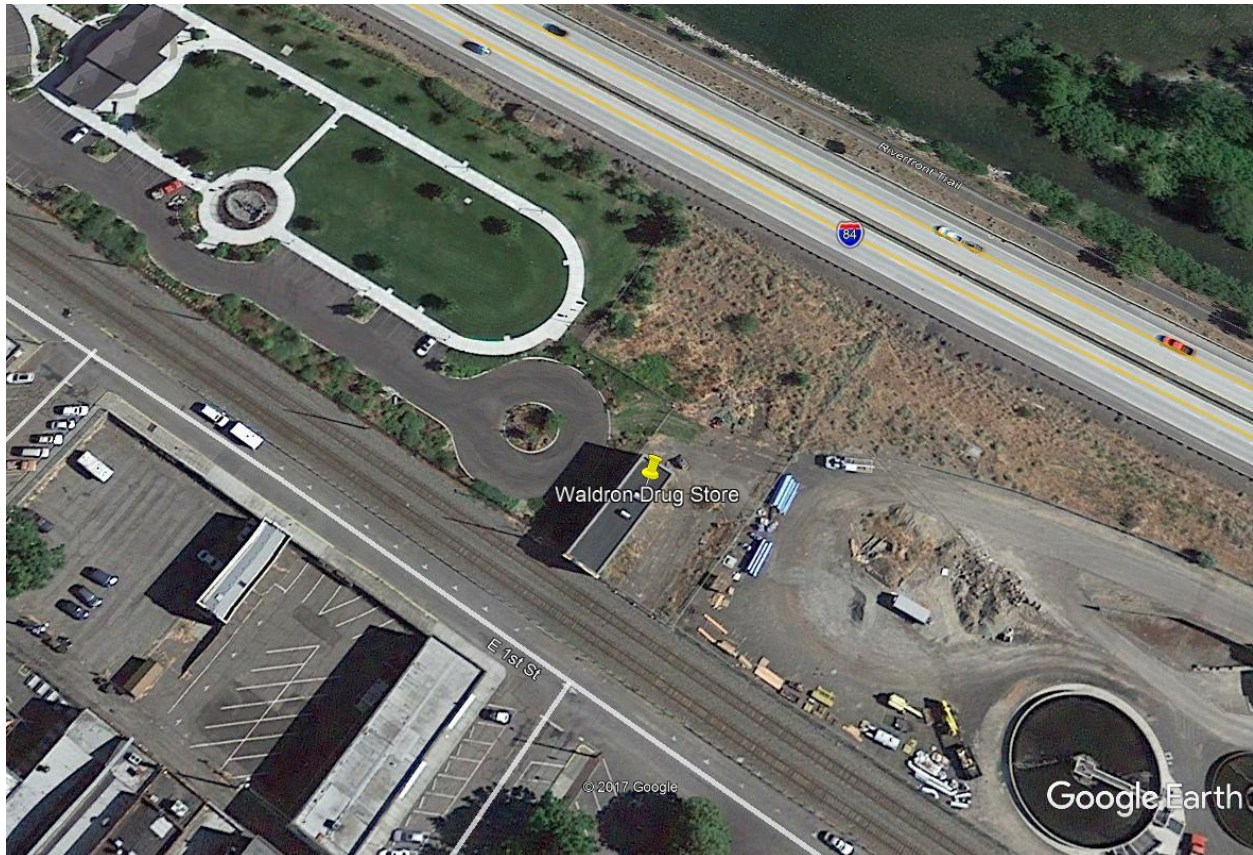


FIGURE 1: WALDRON BROTHERS DRUGSTORE ON E. 1ST STREET, THE DALLES, OREGON

Located at 45° 36' 07.96" N / 121° 10' 52.46" W



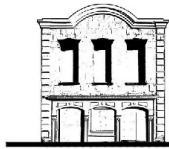
FIGURE 2: WALDRON BROTHERS DRUGSTORE, THE DALLES OREGON, JANUARY 2017, FACING NORTH.



FIGURE 3: HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WALDRON BROTHERS DRUGSTORE, THE DALLES, OREGON



FIGURE 4: HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPH OF THE WALDRON BROTHERS DRUGSTORE, THE DALLES, OREGON. TAKEN BEFORE THE RAILROAD TRACKS WERE SHIFTED TO THE NORTH.



FRIENDS OF THE WALDRON BROTHERS DRUGSTORE

PO Box 1065, The Dalles, Oregon 97058 *FriendsofWaldronDrug@gmail.com*

December 21, 2021

Dear Honorable Mayor Mays and City Councilmembers,

The Friends of the Waldron Brothers Drugstore wish to thank you for discussing and taking action in regards to the Gitchell/Waldron Drugstore Building at your December 13th City Council Meeting. It is our understanding that the Council's action directs staff to engage KPFF to return and update their 2015 structural analysis of the building. It is also our understanding that the request to KPFF will include an analysis of at least four options: Option 1 is to do nothing. Option 2 is to move the building. Option 3 is to demolish the building. Option 4 is to preserve the building in place.

It is clear to us that Option 4 is the most viable path forward. We are passionate about preserving this landmark of our community, the oldest intact commercial building that has stood solid, through fire and flood, since 1864. Our goal is to have this building be a key component of the revitalization of Historic The Dalles and First Street, serving as the front porch to our downtown by drawing and welcoming people to our community.

Again, thank you for bringing this building forward as a priority discussion and especially for being willing to invest in updating the structural analysis. It will serve as the base line for conversations and planning for the future of this critical community resource.

We are looking forward to continuing a comprehensive and cooperative dialogue with the city about the preservation of this important part of our shared past and future.

Respectfully,

Members of the Friends of the Waldron Brothers Drugstore Board and Steering Committee

Candy Armstrong
Jacqueline Cheung
Sheila Dooley
Eric Gleason
Victor Johnson
Widge Johnson
Connie Krummrich
Phil Swain
Sam Woolsey
Katy Young

WASCO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
WASCO COUNTY RECORD

Providing Education and Preservation of the History of Wasco County, Oregon



SPRING 2018



A photo from the Oregon State Library, taken in 1939 by a Works Progress Administration photographer.

This issue of the Wasco County Record is devoted to the building that is the oldest commercial building in The Dalles. At this time there are many opinions as to the viability of keeping the building and to give it a purpose again. The Historical Society recognizes the importance of all the historical buildings that we are fortunate to have in our City. We need to preserve this heritage.

THE OLDEST COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN THE DALLES

We have a landmark survivor in town. The stone building at the foot of Washington Street is known as The Waldron Drug Building, or The Gitchell Building.

In 1983 Pat May wrote an article for *Senior Highlights* (a newsletter published by Mid Columbia Community Action Council) and in 1989 Anita Drake wrote an article in the same publication that added historic information on Henry Klindt, the builder of this historic building. This article is taken from these two sources. Jean Vercouteren

Henry Klindt, a stone mason from Germany, constructed the building from superior quality stone from a quarry near the Pioneer city graveyard. Klindt was born in Schleswig-Holstein on February 22, 1830, the son of Gloris Klindt and Viebke Stuhr. He learned his trade as a mason in Germany. He came to the United States in 1851. He spent some time in Connecticut and Virginia and then settled in Iowa. He married Doris Stottenberg while in Davenport. In 1859 he left the family for the California mines but returned to Iowa in 1862. While he was gone most of his property had been swept away by a tornado so he sold what was left and the family set out for Oregon in a covered wagon. They arrived in Dalles City in 1862 and lived in town for six years before moving to a small ranch on the bank of the Columbia River about two miles west of town. Klindt began construction of the stone building in 1863 at First and Washington and Henry J. Waldron filed the deed for it in January 1865.

Henry J. Waldron was born in New York in 1831 and came to The Dalles in 1854. He served as the first school teacher at the log school house at Fourth and Laughlin Streets. In 1870 he went in business with his brother, George, and Dr. Polhemus Craig who was the first practicing druggist in The Dalles. Craig's drugstore had been undermined in the flood of 1862 and in 1863 he became a partner with Henry Waldron in the stone building and was a druggist there until his death.

Henry Waldron was appointed post master in 1862 and he held that position for 12 years. The Post Office was moved to the stone building in June, 1867. Since the mail came in by boat, the arrival of the mail boat each evening was the big event of the day. The drugstore would be overflowing with people hoping for mail from loved ones and friends.

In addition to drugs and other items commonly sold in drug stores the Waldrons sold books, stationery, garden seeds, brushes of all kinds, kerosene, lamp wicks and chimneys and other assorted items. Their advertisement in the *Weekly Mountaineer* newspaper stated that physician's prescriptions were carefully compounded at all hours of the day and night.

The drugstore occupied the first floor. On the second floor were the offices of doctors B.W. Mitchell and William Shackelford and also the law office of Joseph G. Wilson, *The Mountaineer* newspaper office, and the Masonic lodge hall.

On October 27, 1878 a fire originating in Charles W. Corum's saddlery on Second Street burned Wingate's store and residence and all the property between Washington and Federal streets north of Fourth Street. Henry Waldron lost his life in this fire due to over-exertion in trying to help others save their belongings. He was 47 years old.

He was buried in the Masonic Cemetery, before graves were moved to Parklawn in November, 1983. (note: The Masonic Cemetery was on Minnesota Street behind St. Paul's Episcopal church and is now part of a housing development.) Three of his young children were also buried there. Charles, age 5, Frank, age 14 days, and Stella, age 3. From census records and burial records it has been determined that Henry and Mary were the parents of a least nine children.

More information on the Building

Snipes and Kinnersly (Ben Snipes and Orion Kinnersly) were the successors to the H.J. Waldron Drug store. They did not buy the building.

After the business center of the city shifted to Second Street the drug store moved to Second Street. When the drugstore vacated the premises, the building was purchased in 1897 by The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company-the Regulator Line. They used it as a ticket office. The painted notice on the east side of the building reads: THE REGULATOR LINE STEAMERS TO PORTLAND AND WAY POINTS LEAVE DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAY-7A.M.-ONE BLOCK WEST .

After the navigation office moved from the structure it was unoccupied for many years. In June 1919 it was purchased by Diamond O; and in 1923 it was sold to Forrest Phillips for his transfer company. It was a home and office building. Jack Gitchell purchased the building in 1923 and in 1946 sold it to Dr. T.L. Hyde.

The bottom three floors were to be operated by The Dalles Sign and Paint Company. They also operated the storage area. The residential apartments on the upper floor were continued.

On August 30,1978 the historic building was sold to the City of The Dalles. The City tore off the front porch to allow right of way access for the Union Pacific Railroad. The Jaycees leased the building in 1982 and began cleaning it up in preparation for restoring it. For a few years the Jaycees converted it into a Haunted House each Halloween. In 1989 the Windy River Gleaners used the building. It now stands empty.



WALDRON DRUG BUILDING BY ERIC GLEASON

The City of The Dalles purchased the historic Waldron Drugstore in 1978 from Robert and Nancy Anderson for the sum of \$28,000. This happened at about the same time that the Union Pacific Railroad, the City of The Dalles, and the Port of The Dalles "... reached an agreement for the relocation of railroad trackage and motor vehicle traffic lanes in First Street between Union Street and Madison Streets in the City of The Dalles..." (City of The Dalles Resolution No. 78-57). Prior to the 1978 change the Union Pacific railroad tracks ran down the middle of First Street, with cars and trucks traveling west on the north side of the track, and east on the south side of the track. Following the realignment of the tracks First Street assumed its modern layout, with two railroad tracks on the north side of the street separated from one way east bound traffic by a guardrail. This shift of the railroad tracks to the north brought the railroad grade to the front doorstep of the Waldron Drugstore, forcing the removal of the front porch and the abandonment of the front doors, and ending easy access to the building from First Street.

The building entered into a slow period of decline, accessed only through the Port grain elevators or the sewage treatment plant, it was used by the Gleaners and, when the roof eventually went bad from lack of maintenance, the building was abandoned, but not forgotten. In 1996 the Mural Society raised money and, with the help of the City, restored the faded advertising mural for the Regulator Line steamboats on the east side of the building.

In 2009 the City Council, recognizing the intrinsic value of the building to the community, commissioned an engineering report, and did the necessary repairs identified in the report. The building received a new roof, engineered to earthquake standards, the parapet walls were rebuilt, the crack in the NW corner caused by the leaky roof was stabilized, and a heating and ventilation system was installed to prevent further deterioration. The Council also had the adjacent billboard removed so that the building would serve as a billboard, advertising the historic downtown.

The attitude of the City towards the historic Waldron Drugstore started to change in the last few years, instead of being seen as the asset to the community that it is; it was now viewed as a potential liability. The engineers were again consulted and they made additional suggestions for possible repairs: shoring up some decayed floor joist, monitoring a small crack, and adding a sump pump in the basement to remove standing water (likely caused by increased irrigation in the adjacent Lewis and Clark park). This work was not done; the Council instead directed city staff to develop a Request for Proposals for the building, hoping that someone could be found to move the building to another location, or restore it in place if access and issues with the adjacent railroad tracks could be worked out.

The City received a single proposal with three options for the restoration and reuse of the historic Waldron Drugstore. The preferred option is to restore and reuse the building in the place where it was built 153 years ago. If that becomes impossible, the building can be moved to another nearby location, although such a move would be both costly and risky. The proposal envisions doing all of the work at the Waldron Drugstore as a community project taken on by a nonprofit organization. The Nonprofit would write grants for funding, commission plans and studies, hire contractors, and organize work parties for certain appropriate parts of the restoration. The nonprofit would work hand-in-hand with the city to achieve the ultimate goal of this project, a restored and functional historic Waldron Drugstore that once again becomes a vibrant part of our community.

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The Board meets at 10:30
on the first Monday of the month.
All are welcome. Please call
for the location of the meeting.

Mission Statement

The Wasco County Historical Society actively promotes the heritage of Wasco County, through the maintenance of the 1850 Moody/Rorick House and the preservation and dissemination of the history of the county's people, places and events.

In 1996 Fritz Cramer and Jim Weeks put together a compilation of the articles that had previously been published in the monthly paper *Senior Highlights*. They chose 18 stories that had appeared earlier in the paper described above. Stories contain the author's name and date of original publication. Also included are 20 photographs from the Society's historical calendars, issued for 11 years but now discontinued.

This was a special act of preservation which the Historical Society had published into a booklet.

BANNER TALES OF BENCH AND BASIN

This is available for purchase from the Wasco County Historical Society for \$5.00 per copy.

A sample of the table of contents:

At the Gallows: 'My Lips are Sealed'
Bobsleds and Dance Bands
Mother Called it Sheepherder's Retreat
First Street in the early 1880s
The Raging River of 1894
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