

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING

March 30, 2022

4:00 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

- PRESIDING:** Robert McNary, Chair
- COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Bev Eagy, Forust Ercole, Eric Gleason (arrived 4:32 p.m.),
J. Scott Stephenson
- COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Museum Commission Representative Julie Reynolds
- OTHERS ABSENT:** City Councilor Scott Randall
- STAFF PRESENT:** Senior Planner Dawn Marie Hert, Secretary Paula Webb

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair McNary at 4:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair McNary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Ercole and seconded by Eagy to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4/0; Eagy, Ercole, McNary and Stephenson voting in favor, none opposed, Gleason absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ercole and seconded by Eagy to approve the minutes of February 23, 2022 as written. The motion carried 4/0; Eagy, Ercole, and McNary voting in favor, none opposed, Stephenson abstained, Gleason absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Senior Planner Hert welcomed the Commission to the remodeled Council Chambers. She noted this improvement was a goal of the Commission.

Hert welcomed new Historic Landmarks Commissioner, J. Scott Stephenson. Stephenson is the Director of The Dalles Art Center.

Stephenson said he is a graduate of Tulane University. He is now an artist as well as an Arts Administrator. Arts, culture and assets of the community are interrelated, as evidenced in the project “All Together The Dalles.” The mural project has now expanded into a book and walking tour.

Hert stated the complaint against the Unity Recovery Hall [307 W. Fourth Street] has been posted for abatement. The property owner has removed the hazard; no restoration or repair work was completed.

The SHPO grant was awarded for CLG support, as well as an expansion of the Historic Walking Tour. The tour will include 15 new properties, some existing murals, and the new Walldogs murals.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Eagy attended a concert by the Cascade Singers at St. Peter’s Landmark. A light at the Landmark was broken; repairs were \$700.00. The National Honor Society cleaned up the Landmark prior to the induction ceremony in May. Narrative on Ben Snipes was provided to Walldogs. Hert noted the narrative will be included in the Walking Tour.

Chair McNary stated the railroad is disconnected from the loading dock near Wonderworks. This was an historic site for many years, all goods were delivered by rail. McNary noted Leonard Cox sold eight automobiles within a week; all were delivered by boxcar. Hert noted this is not a landmarked site.

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Eagy read the rules of a public hearing. Chair McNary asked the Commission if they had any ex parte contact, conflict of interest or bias which would prevent an impartial decision. Hearing none, Chair McNary opened the public hearing at 4:28 p.m.

HLC Application 199-22, Robert and Meagan Wells-Clark, 503 W. Third Place

Request: Approval to replace an existing, deteriorating deck with a 16’ x 15’9” deck.

Senior Planner Hert presented the staff report.

Commissioner Gleason arrived at 4:32 p.m.

Robert Wells-Clark, 503 W. Third Place, The Dalles

Mr. Wells-Clark stated the rotting deck would be replaced for safety reasons; a larger deck will allow an outdoor eating area.

Commissioner Gleason stated he had no conflict of interest or bias, which would prevent an impartial decision.

Commissioner Gleason asked if the deck was historic or added later. Hert replied a deck was approved in 2001. Railings will match existing historic rails on the front porch.

Chair McNary closed the public hearing at 4:40 p.m.

It was moved by Ercole and seconded by Eagy to approve HLC Application 199-22 for Robert and Megan Wells-Clark at 503 W. Third Place, to replace the existing deteriorating deck. The motion carried 5/0; Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, McNary and Stephenson voting in favor, none opposed.

HLC Application 200-22, The Dalles Main Street/Walldogs, 119 E. Second Street

Request: Approval for Walldogs to paint a mural on the north-facing alley wall.

Chair McNary asked the Commission if they had any ex parte contact, conflict of interest or bias, which would prevent an impartial decision. Hearing none, Chair McNary opened the public hearing at 4:44 p.m.

Senior Planner Hert presented the staff report.

John Lehman, PO Box 331, The Dalles

Mr. Lehman stated this is a painted, concrete wall. No brickwork will be impacted. This will be a destination mural for residents and visitors to discover.

Chair McNary closed the public hearing at 4:52 p.m.

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Ercole to approve HLC Application 200-22 for The Dalles Main Street and Walldogs with four conditions of approval, based on findings of fact detailed in the staff report. The motion carried 5/0; Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, McNary and Stephenson voting in favor, none opposed.

HLC Application 201-22, The Dalles Main Street/Walldogs, 122 E. Second Street

Request: Approval for Walldogs to paint a mural on the south-facing alley wall.

Chair McNary asked the Commission if they had any ex parte contact, conflict of interest or bias, which would prevent an impartial decision. Hearing none, Chair McNary opened the public hearing at 4:55 p.m.

Senior Planner Hert presented the staff report.

John Lehman, PO Box 331, The Dalles

Mr. Lehman noted this location is similar to the last application. A perfect place for visitors and residents to find and enjoy. The brick is not in pristine condition. Once washed, there is a chance it will be clear coated for protection. The mural may be smaller than stated in the application due to signs, an alarm, and pipes attached to the wall. If no longer of use, a pipe located midway down the wall may be removed. The mural will comprise a very small portion of the entire building.

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Senior Planner Hert noted infrequently the alarm sounds and water drains from the structure. Chair McNary said the alarm and drain may be part of the sprinkler system. The system, primed with air, would fill with water when necessary. Air would then flush water from the system. Commissioner Stephenson added those are pressurized systems charged by an attached air tank.

Commissioner Stephenson noted he had to leave soon, but was in favor of the application.

Chair McNary closed the public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

Commissioner Stephenson left the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Commissioner Ercole suggested application of a clear coat be an added condition of approval. Hert suggested, "A protective coating shall be applied to the brick prior to the mural being painted."

It was moved by Eagy and seconded by Gleason to approve HLC Application 201-22 of The Dalles Main Street and Walldogs with the modified conditions of approval, based on findings of fact detailed in the staff report. The motion carried 4/0; Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, and McNary voting in favor, none opposed, Stephenson absent.

RESOLUTIONS

HLC Resolution 188-22: Approval of HLC 199-22, Robert and Meagan Wells-Clark

It was moved by McNary and seconded by Ercole to approve Resolution HLC 188-22 approving Application HLC 199-22 with four conditions of approval. The motion carried 4/0; Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, and McNary voting in favor, none opposed, Stephenson absent.

HLC Resolution 189-22: Approval of HLC 200-22, The Dalles Main Street/Walldogs

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Eagy to approve Resolution HLC 189-22 approving Application HLC 200-22 with four conditions of approval. The motion carried 4/0; Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, and McNary voting in favor, none opposed, Stephenson absent.

HLC Resolution 190-22: Approval of HLC 201-22, The Dalles Main Street/Walldogs

It was moved by Ercole and seconded by Gleason to approve Resolution HLC 190-22 approving Application HLC 201-22 with five conditions of approval. The motion carried 4/0; Eagy, Ercole, Gleason, and McNary voting in favor, none opposed, Stephenson absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Senior Planner Hert noted the next meeting will be held April 27, 2022. Meetings will be held in person and via Zoom.

Commissioner Ercole stated he was unable to attend the April meeting. Commissioner Gleason stated he would join the meeting late.

Hert stated the HLC Annual Report was presented the City Manager to to City Council.

Chair McNary requested notification of City Council agenda items that may relate to Historic Landmarks.


Commissioner Ercole asked if telephone wires downtown would be placed underground. Hert replied there were discussions regarding placing utilities underground; no completion date has been set.

Chair McNary invited comment from Representative Reynolds. She said cruise ships are arriving. Volunteers are needed at Fort Dalles Museum. An opening for Museum Coordinator has been published.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Submitted by/
Paula Webb, Secretary
Community Development Department

SIGNED: 
Robert McNary, Chair

ATTEST: 
Paula Webb, Secretary
Community Development Department