

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

September 22, 2010

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair McNary called the meeting to order at 4:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present: Bob McNary
Pat Smith
Dennis Davis

The following Commissioners were absent: Eric Gleason
Dixie Parker

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis pointed out that it was actually the Fort Dalles Museum Foundation that had obtained its 501c3 status, as opposed to the Fort Dalles Museum which was listed in the draft minutes.

Commissioner Smith moved to approve the minutes of August 25, 2010 as modified. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously; Gleason and Parker absent.

PIONEER CEMETERY DISCUSSION

Associate Planner Hert informed the Commission that the headstone resetting workshop was scheduled for October 9, 2010 and that they would each be receiving an invitation. The commissioners discussed who else they would like to see invited to the workshop.

Commissioner Davis asked if there was a registry that listed whom was buried in The Dalles. Associate Planner Hert replied that each cemetery has their own list. Davis suggested a goal of combining each of the cemetery's lists into one master list which could be accessed electronically. Staff and Commissioners agreed that would be a good goal. Hert suggested posting it on the City website and stated she would work it out with Administrative Secretary Grossman.

Vice-Chair McNary and Associate Planner Hert discussed the Cemetery fencing project. Hert and McNary discussed where the fencing was still needed. Hert stated that she had requested four more rolls of fencing from Davis Wire Company and explained that the cost for delivery was unreasonably expensive. Staff and Commissioners had a general discussion about other ways to have the materials delivered such as having it put onto a train or perhaps hiring a person to pick it up and drive it to The Dalles.

Commissioner McNary opened a discussion about landscape maintenance. He suggested possible projects that could be done such as mowing and brush cutting, but also pointed out that he wanted enough funds to be available for a clean-up in the spring around Memorial Day. McNary asked if the landscaper needed to submit any information to The City. Associate Planner Hert responded that the landscaper; Gabe Gonzales has his insurance binder automatically sent to City of The Dalles with City of the Dalles listed as a certificate holder. In regards to which projects are to be done; Hert stated that the decision of which projects to do was up to Commissioner McNary. McNary shared that there was a large amount of brush cutting that would need to be done before the fence could be installed along the East side. He also suggested having the cemetery mowed before the head setting workshop so that when publicity pictures are taken the cemetery will look good. He added that they may need to take their own publicity pictures.

Commissioner McNary asked about the status of the other handrail that was to be installed. Hert asked if it had been installed and stated that the invoice had come through but that she had not gone up to inspect it yet. McNary and the other Commissioners all stated that they had not noticed if it had been installed. McNary volunteered to verify that it was installed.

Associate Planner Hert brought up the idea of utilizing volunteers for projects at the cemetery. Staff and Commissioners suggested places to recruit volunteers such as high school students and church groups. Vice-Chair McNary stated that he was willing to work with volunteers at the cemetery if he knows for sure that a group is coming. Hert suggested utilizing specific high school groups such as the building or shop program doing a specific project geared towards their interest. McNary informed the Commission that the NORCOR program is not currently able to volunteer because they are now committed to work with ODOT.

The Pioneer Cemetery Discussion was closed with a comment by Vice-Chair McNary regarding the importance of getting the names of those buried in the cemetery on a list that is available on the City website.

STAFF COMMENTS:

Associate Planner Hert shared that the Request for Proposal for a Rock Fort preservation and maintenance plan will go out next week. Hert hopes to have a plan completed by next spring. Staff and Commissioners discussed the ownership of the Rock Fort site. Hert stated that it is currently owned by Wasco County but that they would like to transfer ownership. She indicated that the City has been identified as one of the possible entities to take on ownership.

Associated Planner Hert responded to a question from a previous meeting about the status of The Mint building. She informed the Commission that they had been approved for some minor repairs and that

she was working with Building Codes to verify that the modifications had been done as planned. She explained that interior modifications would not come through the Planning Department; that only exterior modifications and footprint changes would need to be reviewed. Hert stated that she would be continuing to follow up on the possibility of violations.

Regarding an updated application by Diego Leon, Associate Planner Hert informed the Commission that nothing had been received and that she would be submitting a request for enforcement.

Associate Planner Hert gave an update in regards to the historic home at 423 W 3rd. She reported that although the building looks much better it had been discovered that they he had not permitted anything on the house. She clarified that he did apply for permits but did not get any of them signed off on.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

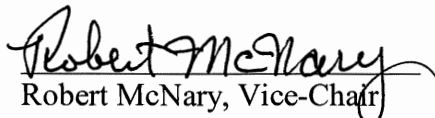
Commissioner McNary expressed his concern about the visibility of the electrical conduit on the back side of the Clock Tower Pub and wondered if it could at least be painted a color to blend in. Associate Planner Hert replied that the owner was asked to put it all on the back side in order to not distract from the historical features. She stated that she would talk to him about the possibility of buffering it more.

Associate Planner Hert informed that commission that she had received a concern in regards to the paint at the base of the building of the Clock Tower Pub. Hert explained that they are still in the process of painting and that the color will eventually be a cream color.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:44 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 27, 2010

Submitted by Brenda Green, Administrative Secretary


Robert McNary, Vice-Chair
Historic Landmark Commission