

**NEWBERG HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2018, 7:00 PM
NEWBERG CITY HALL, PERMIT CENTER CONFERENCE ROOM
414 E FIRST STREET**

Chair Fieldhouse called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rick Fieldhouse
Geary Linhart
Barbara Doyle
Ryan Howard

Members Absent: Chuck Zickefoose, Vice Chair
Zoe Jenkins, Student

Staff Present: Doug Rux, Community Development Director

Guests: Patience Stuart, Brandon Grilc, Brian Francis

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: Tabled until next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

CONSENT CALENDAR: Approval of the November 14, 2017 HPC meeting minutes

MOTION: Doyle/Linhart made a motion to approve the November 14, 2017 HPC meeting minutes. Motion carried (4 Yes/0 No).

**REVIEW OF DRAFT CAMEO THEATER NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
NOMINATION MATERIAL:**

Patience Stuart provided an overview of the draft nomination material identifying four categories of:

- A. Trend or Event
- B. People
- C. Architecture or Construction
- D. Info potential (archeological)

Brandon Grilc recapped that the building was constructed in 1936/1937. The architecture is Art Deco smooth concrete exterior walls, low relief panels at corniced interior, stainless steel trim on front of building. The theater as a 350 seat German inspired auditorium sloping seating arrangement and stage interior wall plaster or stucco, colors are original to the building, carpet has some original pieces. Architectural style wall, Art Deco light fixtures and Art Deco streamlined modern details. Alterations – Did not meet original architecture because of damage. Marquee is a replica. Ticket booth moved. Fountain now part of interior snack bar. 1950's loge seating. Concession wall was opened up to form the snack bar area. Second floor lounge converted to projector room in 1970's. Additional details are in the registration form.

Patience Stuart noted the nomination material includes pictures of original projector.

Chair Fieldhouse noted that when the City did the update on the downtown inventory Kenny Gunn thought that the designation would be a slam dunk.

Patience Stuart noted that she thinks the application is strong. Under the category of people and the Ted Francis information is strong.

Commissioner Howard noted it could be said that category A or B or both apply.

Patience Stuart noted that the Cameo is not the first theater in Newberg but is the oldest remaining theater.

Commissioner Doyle commented on various pieces of equipment identified in the nomination material.

Brian Francis indicated he has the original projector.

Commissioner Doyle inquired if it was important to have the old equipment.

Commissioner Linhart commented that the stage was used for live theater historically.

Patience Stuart commented that the Graphic did an article in 1937 and the builder and suppliers were noted in the article.

Chair Fieldhouse indicated he was impressed by the architects and builders information. Margaret was an assistant in the building design and that the original design was from 1936. A 1913 floor plan may have been used and replicated in other theaters. He asked how many other theaters are listed in Oregon.

Patience Stuart noted that it could be 15 to 16.

Commissioner Doyle inquired if this application gets compared to other theaters built around the same time.

Brian Francis indicated that not much has changes over the years. Kids were not allowed in the theater until about 2001.

Chair Fieldhouse indicated he thought the loge seating was installed about 1965. There was a general discussion on switching out the seating.

Patience Stuart shared that in 1965 the no kids rule went into place. In 1983 the twin cinemas were built. Trying to establish timelines and she needs to talk to the State Historic Preservation Office on beginning and end date for the nomination.

Commissioner Doyle inquired if there will be an open house at some point if the nomination is approved.

Brian Francis commented that the nitrate was still intact. The theater was 80 years old in 2017 on the day of the eclipse.

Patience Stuart commented that the stage lighting is still in place.

Brandon Grilc noted there is a fly tower behind the curtain where you have the weights.

Chair Fieldhouse inquired on what the next steps are in the nomination process.

Patience Stuart indicated it is to submit the proposal by March 1 to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). There will be two rounds of review at SHPO. SHPO staff will prepare a package to the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation which will hold a hearing and recommendation.

Chair Fieldhouse asked what the Commission can do.

Patience Stuart noted letters of support after March 1 would be helpful.

Commissioner Doyle shared that kids roller skated to the theater from St. Paul on Saturday's in the summer.

Patience Stuart suggested a letter of support from Brian Francis.

Commissioner Doyle asked if there is a fee for the plaque.

CDD Rux asked that if any Commissioners have comments on the proposal to send them to him within two weeks.

Patience Stuart requested that the proposal not be on the web until a final document has been submitted.

CDD Rux indicated he preferred not sharing the draft at this time as it is draft.

STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST:

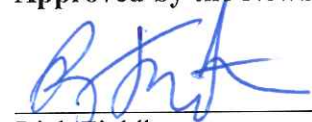
CDD Rux noted that there is a letter in the packet from City Recorder Sue Ryan on filing your Statement of Economic Interest information. The information will be available to file on March 15, 2018 on-line and closes on April 15, 2018.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting date is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Fieldhouse adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

Approved by the Newberg Historic Preservation Commission on May 22, 2018



Rick Fieldhouse,
Historic Preservation Commission Chair



Doug Rux, Minutes Recorder