A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission

7:30 PM, Thursday

George Fox College Campus Hoover Bldg. Room 217

October 22, 1985

Members Present:

John Englebrecht Bryce Fendall Kathy Kelso Jack Kriz

John Lyda Eldon McIntosh Ken Overton Arthur Roberts Roger Veatch

Staff Present:

Clay Moorhead, Planning Director Barb Mingay, Recording Secretary Jane Altier-Morrison, Project Consultant Julie Pinger, Project Consultant

Citizens Present:

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Jane Altier-Morrison, project consultant, introduced Barb Percival. Ms. Percival is a member of the Oregon City Old Home Forum. She discussed her experiences during the establishment of Oregon City's historic review ordinance. She identified some of the conflicts that occurred in her community, indicating that things like increased governmental regulations, potential tax increases, and governmental interference in homeowner rights were dominant concerns voiced by those in opposition to historic recognition.

She commented that the City would receive a long term benefit from maintaining the integrity of its historic homes, and without historic protection measures in place, many of the homes could be lost forever. A direct result of the historic preservation activities in Oregon City was increase in civic pride and a community better educated about their historic past.

She distributed material relating to Oregon City's Historic Review Board and its purpose statement.

Brian Shaw, a member of the City of Oregon City's Historic Review Board and an architectural designer, was then introduced. He felt that the Board acted primarily in an advisory capacity. It was composed of a licensed architect, a contractor, and a landscape architect, all representing various areas of the City.

Claire Met, a member of the Old Home Forum and owner of a property on Oregon City's inventory, related her experiences with the Board. In her role as historic home owner, she has gone before the Board with several

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alteration requests. She indicated that the Board had been very helpful and offered much free advice and several viable alternatives. She added that workshops presented in the community have educated citizens about methods of preservation. In addition, neighborhood cleanup weeks sponsored by civic groups and service groups and other such activities have fostered civic pride and enhanced the community.

A general discussion followed regarding the operation of Oregon City's ordinance.

 $\underline{\text{Motion}}$: McIntosh-Fendall to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting for August and September with correction to the room number in Septembers minutes (Room 201). Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission members then discussed whether another workshop discussion was necessary to allow the Planning Commission to further review and modify the Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance before notices were mailed inviting the public to review the document. It was the concensus of the Commission to hold one additional workshop meeting on the ordinance.

The meeting was then adjourned.