

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

December 16, 2015

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Street
The Dalles, OR 97058
Conducted in a handicap accessible room.
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gleason called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

Bob McNary
Sandy Bisset
Dennis Davis
Eric Gleason

The following Commissioner was absent:	Currently one vacancy exists
Representative present:	Heather Hopkins, Ft. Dalles Museum;
Representative absent:	Linda Miller, Councilor
Staff present:	Dawn Marie Hert, Senior Planner Baltazar Gamez, Planning Secretary
Others present:	Local Historian Carolyn Wood

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Hert suggested adding 'Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair' to the agenda after Goal Setting. It was moved by McNary and seconded by Bisset to approve the agenda as amended by staff. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Bisset and seconded by Davis to approve the November 10, 2015 minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

2016 GOAL SETTING:

Hert provided the Commission with comments she received from Matthew Klebes, Executive Director Mainstreet. The design committee has reached out to the owner of clock tower ales to explore the possibility of restoring the tower and getting the clock operational again. He thinks it would prove beneficial to have HLC that they would partner with Mainstreet and others to begin/complete a historic restoration project in downtown The Dalles in 2016. The key word is partner not simply support. There are a variety of opportunities the HLC could get involved with during such a project, from showcasing the clock itself, potential classes, tours, and other opportunities to educate the value and process of historic preservation. The Commission discussed at length the goals and agreed on the following goals for 2016:

Short Term Goals

- Encourage preservation and re-use of the Waldron Drug/Gitchell Building.
- Help facilitate educational assistance to help restorers with assessment and other historic preservation needs.
- Periodically provide a historic restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors.
- Provide regular recognition of historic property restorations.
- Update and maintain a Historic Resource Center/Site (i.e. historic group links on the City website).
- Encourage Historic Designs for Downtown by providing historic background research.
- Partner with Mainstreet on further Downtown restoration project goals.
- Encourage continued restoration and preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery and establish an inventory link/listing on the City's website.
- Encourage city pursuing ownership of the Lewis and Clark Rock Fort and its preservation through maintenance.
- Encourage the collection and preservation of oral history of the local area and inventory existing oral history.
- Continue support of Civic Auditorium Building restoration.
- Support walking tours and Open House of historic buildings.
- Support and encourage the restoration and re-use of the Elks Building.
- Encourage communication with City Council.

Long Term Goals

- Support and encourage the Fort Dalles Museum and Vehicle Storage Display Building.
- Support, encourage and advocate the preservation and continued use of The Dalles High School and Colonel Wright Elementary School.
- Update Historic Inventories and encourage new nominations to local and national registry districts.
- Update Historic Ordinance.
- Maintain Certified Local Government status.
- Continue to assist with historic plaque costs and availability.
- Work with the local media to recognize historic homes or properties.
- Encourage continued preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown.
- Encourage preservation and restoration of City Hall.
- Actively support historic month and local history.
- Encourage the collection and preservation of history of the local area.

APPROVAL OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Hert asked if anyone would like to volunteer for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair. McNary asked if there was any reason we couldn't stay in seniority. Hert stated the Commission could, and it was up to the

Commission to decide. Davis thought that it should be reviewed on a yearly basis. Hert mentioned that it was previously reviewed on a yearly basis. Bisset asked if there was a criteria that said it had to be revisited annually? Hert said she had not read anything regarding that criteria and that it did not provide time limits. Gleason and McNary were asked if they were willing to continue in their positions. Gleason said he was comfortable staying as Chair and McNary stated he was willing to stay in his position as Vice Chair. Hert asked if Davis and Bissett would be willing to step into that role if needed. They both stated they would be willing to step in if needed. Davis restated he thought it was a discussion that was needed on an annual basis. Bissett asked if this discussion was something that required a motion. Hert stated that they could do a motion or wait until they have a full Commission and make a decision then. Davis asked if a vote every year was needed or just a discussion. There was a general consensus to keep the status quo.

PIONEER CEMETERY DISCUSSION:

Due to the extended time used on goal setting, Hert suggested to table the discussion for a later time to which the Commission agreed.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

None

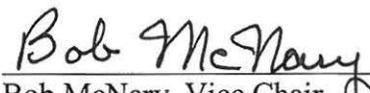
NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for January 27, 2016 at 4:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Baltazar Gamez, Planning Secretary.



Bob McNary, Vice Chair
Historic Landmarks Commission