

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

April 24, 2013

4:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

313 Court Street

The Dalles, OR 97058

Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gleason called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners present:

Eric Gleason
Robert McNary
Dennis Davis
Dixie Parker

Commissioners absent:

Pat Smith

Staff present:

Dawn Marie Hert, Senior Planner
Carolyn Wood, Councilor at Large
Garrett Chrostek, Administrative Fellow
Carole Trautman, Administrative Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Parker and seconded by McNary to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried unanimously; Smith was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A correction was noted by Administrative Secretary Trautman to strike the word "Administrative" on page 3, paragraph one, the first sentence.

It was moved by Davis and seconded by Parker to approve the February 27, 2013 minutes as corrected. The motion carried unanimously; Smith was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION ITEM – Interpretive Signage Update

Administrative Fellow Garrett Chrostek reported that sign contractor estimates were submitted. Chrostek handed out preliminary design work and a chart that listed potential locations and themes for the interpretive signs (copy enclosed).

Senior Planner Hert pointed out that the design on sheet #5 had a similar style to the City's streetlights. Parker stated that she liked the design on sheet #1 because it was similar to the arch design on the

Union Street Underpass. Davis suggested combining the base design illustrated on sheet #5 base with the sign design on sheet #1. Administrative Fellow Chrostek suggested the lighting feature shown on sheet #2 could also be incorporated.

Councilor Wood reported that the Oregon Community Foundation offered grants to enhance, preserve and protect Oregon trails, and signage for the Lewis and Clark Trail could possibly qualify for a grant (the Riverfront Trail is part of the Lewis and Clark Trail). The grant required a match, but it could be in-kind.

Suggestions/comments on topics and locations:

- Include Grain Elevators at the Festival Park location
- Include Waldron Drug at the Washington Street Plaza location
- Include the fire of 1891, the fire of 1879, and possibly the flood of 1894 on panel #5—Disasters
- The directional sign would be located at the intersection of the Riverfront Trail and Union Street
- Include the ferry dock on the directional sign
- Combine the two historic districts as one listing on the sign
- Include Pulpit Rock
- Include the City Hall/Fire Museum
- Post the distances to the attractions on the directional sign
- Include Riverfront Park Boat Basin

Senior Planner Hert reviewed the list of resource contributors to develop historical content and photos for the signs as follows: Laura Comini, Sandy Bisett, Dan Spatz, Mary Davis, John Lundell, Claudia Leash, Carolyn Purcell, Marilyn Urness, Gary Honald (murals), Eric Gleason (Chinese), and Eveline Patt. The book, “Win-quatt,” could be used as a literary resource. Hert said she would contact these people and purchase the book.

PIONEER CEMETERY

Senior Planner Hert advised the Commissioners that the City of The Dalles Municipal Court set up a community service program. The City’s Facilities Maintenance crew capitalized on the opportunity by utilizing workers to clean up Pioneer Cemetery, Hert stated. More money would now be available for labor costs to install fence posts. McNary said the laborers did a good job, but there were limbs that needed to be picked up. Hert said the landscaper could complete that work. After some discussion, it was determined that McNary could help supervise the fence post work under the guidance of the Facilities Maintenance crew.

McNary asked for the status on the plans for the walking path bark dust. Senior Planner Hert stated she would talk to the landscaper about providing the wood chips.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

Chair Gleason requested that the nomination of the Lewis and Clark Monument go before the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) at the next meeting. Gleason stated he submitted the application several years ago. Senior Planner Hert said the application was received, and it was determined at that time that the application required the property owner’s signature. Gleason said the State Historic

Preservation Office (SHPO) advised him that it was a public agency, and the application did not require a property owner's signature. Hert advised Gleason that the monument was going to be disassembled soon. Gleason stated he was aware of that. Hert stated the monument was not currently landmarked, so a public hearing through HLC would not be required. Hert also commented that the Lions' Club was working with North Wasco Parks and Recreation District regarding the monument's relocation, and Gleason worked with City Councilor McGlothlin regarding potential repurposing and/or restructuring of the monument at either the Rock Fort or Festival Area locations. Another alternative Councilor McGlothlin had discussed, Hert stated, was using the monument's materials to form a Rock Fort entrance walkway. It was the consensus of the commission that the monument materials would not be durable enough to be used as a paver path. Chair Gleason emphasized that the application should merit a "public venting" whether or not it was landmarked.

Chair Gleason asked why the fire escape on the front of the Banks Hotel was removed. McNary asked if the HLC received an application for a modification to the façade. Senior Planner Hert said she was not aware that the fire escape had been removed and questioned whether or not the fire escape was listed as an historical significant contributing portion of the building. Gleason said the fire escape was on the front façade of the historic building. McNary said the fire escape was a very significant portion of the building, and that fire escapes were often seen in other historical districts. Hert replied that she would look into it, and she knew the business owner was very interested in preserving the historical features of the building. Hert said any modifications of any kind to the structure would need to meet fire safety requirements. McNary commented that when the business owner appeared before HLC on a previous application request, the owner indicated that he wanted to keep the fire escape on the building front. Hert stated that when she talked to the business owner recently about the sign removal from the building front, he mentioned a safety hazard, and the next day the fire escape was gone. Gleason said he was unsure whether the fire escape was the original one, but it was more than 50 years old. Hert said the business owner's family had a substantial collection of photos that would assist in making a determination.

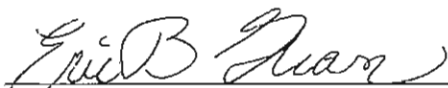
McNary reported that galvanized gutters had been installed on the Anderson House without an HLC review. Hert asked if it was a maintenance issue. Chair Gleason said it was a maintenance issue and apologized for not submitting an application. Gleason said he would provide an application for the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 5:20 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Secretary Carole Trautman.



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmarks Commission