

MINUTES
CITY OF THE DALLES
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON 97058
CONDUCTED IN A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE MEETING ROOM

Wednesday, October 26, 2016
4:00 PM

I. Call to Order - Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 by Chairman Eric Gleason.

II. Roll Call – Absent Doug Leash.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Pledge allegiance led by Eric Gleason

IV. Approval of Agenda – It was moved to be approved by Robert McNary pending discussion of next meeting date due to Thanksgiving. Motion was seconded by Bisset. Motion was carried unanimously. Leash absent.

V. Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2016 – Motion to approve the minutes as written by Bisset. Seconded by Davis. Motion was carried unanimously. Leash absent.

VI. Public Comments -

Carolyn Wood, PO Box 820, The Dalles, Oregon stated that the Art Deco presenter Ellen Chapley was going to be a guest speaker at February forums. Carolyn said that she would like more examples to expand on styles and eras represented within The Dalles.

Carolyn Wood stated that the Historical Society to do inventory of signs, memorials, and unique features within The Dalles and Wasco Valley, taking pictures and creating a notebook with locations indicated. She stressed the importance to not only documenting historically relevant markers, but also the need to be cognizant of those that will become important to document in the future. The book is to be displayed in the Discovery Center and Museum. It may be made available later in an electronic copy.

VII. Pioneer Cemetery Discussion

Senior Planner Hert talked about the maintenance for Pioneer Cemetery being shared with the local Armory. Hert is currently working with Srgts. Hall, Ivan, and Mendez to come up with a schedule. Ty and Terry from Maintenance are concerned with the times patrons come to show their respects, i.e Memorial and Veteran's Day. They are also concerned about the ongoing relationship with the city to remove the brush, clean-up materials.

Hert explained that the National Guard has received guidelines from the city, but will not be allowed to do any cleaning of the headstones without proper training. They understand if they

unearth anything, they need to report the finding. The city will be working on preparing a memorandum of understanding between the City of The Dalles and the National Guard, per the City Attorney's recommendation.

A commissioner voiced a concern about the guidelines and memorandum being passed to the next person "in line" or to new management.

Hert noted that at this time Planning is unsure of the chain of command, but will clarify when moving forward, perhaps examining memo annually. Additionally there is a plaque that will be placed in Pioneer Cemetery, as soon as that memorandum of understanding has been reached. As inquired by McNary, the discussions between the City and the National Guard have been that they will not be permitted use of City equipment. The National Guard will be using their own or borrowed equipment to do the clean-up. This should not be too burdensome, as most of the clean-up is predominately labor. The National Guard will be notifying the City of the times they will be doing clean-up, so there will be an opportunity to meet with them during weekdays before improvements are started.

Barbara Pashek, 1332 West 10th Street, representing the Columbia Gorge Genealogical Society, asked about the process to get Elizabeth Buehler's name on the large headstone. There is currently a quote from a headstone company in Vancouver for \$300.00. The Genealogical Society asked if they, the City, and/or the Historical Society could potentially share the responsibility for paying the bill. In previous discussion there had been talk of a company willing to do the work at no charge, but at this time no one is willing to do the work pro-bono.

Hert stated that the Planning Department would look into how the City can share responsibility, and work with the Genealogical Society to finalize the project.

VIII. Staff/Commissioner Comments

Senior Planner Hert introduced the new Director of Planning: Steve Harris, to the committee.

Hert told the Commission that she would be attending the Certified Local Government training on November 2nd in Salem with Eric Gleason, Robert McNary.

Hert mentioned that the Main Street committee is looking to put benches down on 2nd and 3rd Street located in the historical district. They want to construct the benches out of pallets and asked the committee to consider the design. The committee is willing to consider the design and give an opinion. Hert explained that the commission would not have the final say, but the committee was asking for their input.

Commissioner Bisset gave an update on the craftsman house on 2nd Place that had come before the commission months before. Bisset said that the house has been sold, and they have made improvements. Bisset also mentioned that the Zimmerman house has been painted, and has cameras and no trespassing signs installed. In the spring they will be placing a privacy fence, as well as the picket fence in front.

Hert stated that she was aware of the fence and is working with the owner to make sure it meets the requirements.

The commission discussed looking further into the improvements being made on a house on 3rd, across from the bakery. Hert stated that as of yet no one has approached Planning about improvements.

Hert detailed the recent Planning Commission approval for the change of use of the historic Herbring House owned by Victor Johnson. The historic structure will be mixed use residential with a small coffee/ice cream shop on the 3rd street side. There will be no outside remodeling.

Carolyn Wood mentioned that on November 12th there would be an invasive species identification workshop at the Discovery Center.

The Commission discussed the option of providing information to tourists about the Tribal fishing season. The Commission decided against any definitive action at this time.

Hert reiterated that SHPO will no longer fund historic plaques made of baked ceramics. A potential solution moving forward would be vinyl-type lettering on sheet metal.

Bisset gave an update on the walking tour project for the Chamber. She stated the brochure has been completed, and they have applied for a grant for production. Unofficially, the Chamber was given notice of receipt to print.

Bisset also updated the commission on Trish Neil's commitment to finish a book, upgraded from "Houses on our Street." First draft has gone to press and will be available via print-on-demand.

IX. Next Meeting Date – Staff will be contacting the commission if an application needs reviewed. Typically the November meeting date is difficult to have a quorum due to the Thanksgiving holiday being the following day. A special meeting date may be scheduled for November 16, 2016. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 28, 2016.

X. Adjournment – Eric Gleason adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted via audio transcription by Jamie Jensen, Administrative Secretary.



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commissions