



HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

DECEMBER 17, 2014

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

Commissioners Present: Eric Gleason, Bob McNary, Dennis Davis, Sandy Bisset

Commissioner Absent: Pat Smith

Others Present: Councilor at Large Carolyn Wood

Staff Present: Senior Planner Dawn Marie Hert, Administrative Secretary Carole Trautman

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

It was moved by McNary and seconded by Davis to approve the August 27, 2014 minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously; Smith absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wood reported on her trip to Wadena, Minnesota, a small town that has national status for historic landmarks. She commented that every old building in town had a small, metal sign with a number assigned to it. The town had a number key that listed all of the previous businesses that had occupied each old building since approximately 1869. Wood said she liked the idea of the list of previous businesses for each historic building.

Bisset reported that she provided copies of fire maps and walking tours to Luise Langheinrich. Bisset also stated she found a book issued by the French Bank that showed bank investors and interior pictures of The Dalles buildings in 1903.

Main Street Director Matthew Klebes reported that Restore Oregon is working on legislation to obtain a 25% historic rehabilitation state tax credit. He said this tax credit would be one of three critical tools to restore Downtown Main Street buildings.

Senior Planner Hert, on behalf of the Commissioners and staff, thanked Councilor at Large Wood for her input, time and attendance on the HLC board. Hert said Wood's knowledge of history was unmatched, and she thanked Wood for her years of service.

DISCUSSION ITEM – Historic Landmarks Commission 2015 Goals/Objectives

Short Term Goals

- Provide educational assistance to help individual restorers by setting up a SHPO special assessment and other historic preservation workshops.
- Provide a historic window restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors
- Provide annual recognition on historic properties.
- Pursue a SHPO grant to expand City's historic resources such as designating other qualified areas as National Historic Districts; specifically the East Gateway, The Dalles Bluff, 4th Street, and E. 8th Street.
- Update and maintain a Historic Resource Center/Site i.e.: historic group links on the City website.
- Encourage Historic Designs for Downtown to aid in historic background research and support Main Street programs.
- Encourage continued restoration and preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery and establish an inventory link/listing on the City's website.
- Encourage restoration and use of the Waldron Drug/Gitchell Building.
- Encourage the 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 and location of existing oral history.
- Support 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.

Long Term Goals

- 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.
- Support and encourage the Fort Dalles Museum and Historic Vehicle Storage Display Building.
- Actively support historic Fort Dalles Days.
- Support, encourage and advocate the preservation and continued use of The Dalles High School and Colonel Wright Elementary School.

PIONEER CEMETERY

No further discussion.

STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

McNary suggested the Commission meet every three months.

NEXT MEETING

January 28, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gleason adjourned the meeting at 5:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Administrative Secretary Carole Trautman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eric P. Gleason". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Eric Gleason, Chairman