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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 15, 2016

City Hall Conference Room A, 716 SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair Judy Fessler, Vice-Chair Trish Pinkerton, Tonia Cain, Shannon Farnsworth Rose (*absent: Leaha Moon*)

Youth Ex Officio: Vacant

City Staff: Scott Woodford, *Associate Planner*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Council Liaison: None

Visitors: None

Media: Aaron West, *BendBulletin.com*, *RedmondNewsToday.com*

(The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of commissioners voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Fessler opened the meeting at 9:03 a.m. with a quorum of commissioners (4 of 5) present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Minutes
Ms. Prow said all minutes would be caught up by the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- B. Walking Tour Brochure Update
Commissioners reviewed content and images on the draft Heritage Walk brochure — Revisions 7/1/16. Concerns included photo selection criteria, crediting photo sources, and timeline for completion. Following discussion, commissioners agreed by consensus to the following changes which should be completed by July 22:
- **Commissioner Rose:** Check Redmond Museum website for better-quality photos. Convert color and sepia photos to black-and-white images and send to City staff.
 - **General:** Prefer photos with people over photos of buildings alone. Add the photo source at the bottom of each image. Add photo of Josephine and Frank Redmond. Add “Did you know” comment about the Redmonds getting the railroad to switch locations of the tracks and canal so they could get water closer to their house. Make sure the City has a digital record of all photos and sources used in the brochure in addition to the brochure layout.
 - **Chronological List of Buildings: #3 – Frances McCormack Allen House** – Crop out the newer truck shown. Start Sentence 4 with “They moved to Deschutes Junction between Redmond and Bend . . .” **First Presbyterian Church** – Increase number of asterisks to three.
 - **All Commissioners:** Forward edits to Mr. Woodford as soon as possible.

- **Staff:** Present final draft at August meeting.

Mr. Woodford said he would get another estimate after the draft brochure was closer to completion.

C. Historic Resources MPD Update

Mr. Woodford presented a sample National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form recommended by Kerry Davis, Preservation Solutions, Inc. Ms. Davis suggested the MPD approach as being a cost-effective way to set the stage for additional sub-districts at a later time. She is working to finish the City's MPD application as part of her City contract which must be completed by June 30. She will be doing more fieldwork in Redmond including public meetings in September 2016. During his phone conversation with Diana Painter, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), she expressed concern that the number and type of properties the City planned for its application were too broad. She recommended the City restrict the focus to Streamline Modern.

Commissioners discussed the level of interaction between SHPO and the National Register, asking Ms. Davis to add page numbers to the application, this commission's role in advancing the MPD nomination, notifying property owners about the public meetings, and options for Ms. Davis to attend the September meeting (in person, special meeting date/time, video conference).

D. Review Letter to Homeowners of Older Homes

Commissioners reviewed a draft letter composed by Chair Fessler for sending to owners of historic properties. Changes suggested included replacing "choosing to locate" with "purchasing a home" and decapitalizing "Downtown Historic Neighborhoods" in Paragraph 1. Following discussion, commissioners agreed to table further discussion/review until the level of research needed to move this project forward was determined.

E. Consider Restore Oregon Endangered Building Nomination

Chair Fessler reported John Wondra, a freelance Portland writer, called her. He is working on a book about historic buildings around Oregon. He requested her input and the City's input on his article about endangered buildings in Redmond. He is currently interested in the Patrick (Medical Dental) Building and the Old Redmond Hotel. based on the commission's nominating these buildings in its 2015 Restore Oregon application.

Mr. Woodford said nominations could be submitted by either Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission or by individual citizens. Deadline for the application is on August 5, 2016.

Commissioners discussed recent information from Chuck Arnold regarding the Old Redmond Hotel, potential sites and properties at risk of being lost (Safeway Building) or that might qualify for the DeMuro Award (Evergreen Elementary/Redmond Union High School, Old Redmond Schoolhouse, Old Evergreen Elementary Gymnasium). The DeMuro Award honors historic rehabilitation projects in Oregon that exemplify creativity, quality, and community impact. The commissioners were unable to reach consensus on buildings to nominate for either "Oregon's Most Endangered Places" or the DeMuro Award.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHPO Training: Chair Fessler requested an update on the SHPO workshop. Mr. Woodford said SHPO training was scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 1-5 p.m. He has invited Chuck Arnold and Deborah McMahon to attend the training.

Community Development Director Vacancy: Commissioners requested an update. Mr. Woodford said Bruce Werner was serving as a City consultant until a new CDD director is on board.

Recommended Reading: Bill Schmickle's *The Politics of Historic Districts: A Primer for Grassroots Preservation, Oregon Main Street*, and a book about old theaters in Oregon being written by someone from Warner Pacific College.

Meeting Schedule: Commissioners discussed the need for a work session in August to finalize edits on the walking tour brochure. Mr. Woodford said he would check with City Recorder Kelly Morse on what Oregon Public Meetings Law requires (quorum, public notice, minutes). Commissioners agreed to discuss the meeting schedule again at their September 2016 meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

Certified Local Government: Mr. Woodford reported speaking with Kuri Gill, SHPO, about CLG performance requirements. She asked to review proposed updates to Redmond's Historic Code before they're submitted to City Council to assure that SHPO standards are respected.

Deschutes Public Library System – Redmond Branch: Mr. Woodford reported the library is planning to expand and would use the same contractor hired for the Evergreen Elementary/Redmond Union High remodel to the new city hall. Commissioners questioned the level of protection for the original façade since the library is classified as a "Site of Historic Interest."

Historic Display at New City Hall: Mr. Woodford said City Communications Manager Heather Cassaro wanted to hold another memorabilia drive to gather more photos/oral histories about the building's prior uses. Commissioners discussed ways to make historic photos and oral histories available to the public.

Odem Theater: Mr. Woodford announced the interior of the old Odem Theater on 6th Street was being remodeled with the idea of reopening it as a theater. Commissioners expressed concern about the remodel respecting the historic façade of the building.

Pilot Butte Canal – National Register Nomination: Mr. Woodford said the state's letter outlined its concerns about the breadth of this nomination and suggested the application's scope be narrowed to federal irrigation projects.

Next meeting: August 2016: date and time to be determined

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Fessler adjourned the meeting at 10:53 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 22nd day of September, 2016.

ATTEST:

/s/ Judy Fessler
Judy Fessler
Chair

/s/ Scott Woodford
Scott Woodford
Associate Planner