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**REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**

**December 1, 2016**

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

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Judy Fessler, Vice-Chair Trish Pinkerton, Tonia Cain, Leaha Moon, Shannon Farnsworth Rose (*2 vacancies*)

**Youth Ex Officio:** Vacant

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

**Visitors:** Camden King, *City Councilor*; Kerry Davis, *Preservation Solutions, Inc.*

**Media:** None

*(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 regular meeting of the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) at 4 p.m. with a quorum of commissioners (4 of 5) present. Commissioner Moon arrived at 4:35 p.m. Ms. Davis joined the meeting by phone at 4:36 p.m. Chair Fessler changed the order of agenda items to accommodate Ms. Davis and Councilor King.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Approval of Minutes  
None.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- B. Downtown Historic District Update

Mr. Woodford presented a map of proposed boundaries for a historic district downtown. He outlined Ms. Davis's perspective on the type of district that could be established and the commission's position based on prior discussions. Although the commission's work plan calls for a Streamline Moderne district, Ms. Davis has advised that taking this approach to protect (potentially) two properties was not a cost-effective use of the City's grant dollars. He reported Diana Painter from SHPO (Oregon State Historic Preservation Office) was aware of the unsuitability of an MPD (Multiple Property Documentation) approach. SHPO feedback was vague but seemed to indicate the City should do what's best for Redmond.

Ms. Davis discussed the difference between an MPD approach and a Historic District, getting National Register input, and options to consider before moving forward. She suggested tabling the MPD approach and reallocating those funds to surveying 110 properties for a Craftsman Bungalow Historic District. She recommended identifying which buildings might benefit from tax credits and sending a letter to every property owner within the boundary of a proposed historic district.

Following discussion, commissioners agreed by consensus to table the MPD, do a historic district within the larger red-lined boundary on the map, and pursue a survey of Craftsman Bungalows.

Mr. Woodford said he would consult with other City staff about revising Ms. Davis's contract with the City and revising the City's contract with SHPO.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Councilor King said the City of Redmond and its citizens were obligated to maintain and preserve the historic artifacts (assets) currently stored and displayed in the Redmond Museum. The City plans to collaborate with the Greater Redmond Historical Society, Redmond Museum, and Kelly Cannon-Miller to identify a new location for the museum and determine when the move should take place. Ideally, the current city hall building needs to be vacated by late spring 2017.

Commissioner Cain reported the speaker at today's meeting of the Greater Redmond Historical Society was Todd Mayberry. Mr. Mayberry from the Heritage Commission in Salem, Oregon, offered some ideas.

Commissioner and staff concerns included establishing a database of City artifacts housed inside and outside the museum, potential partners (Heritage Commission, Leadership Redmond), industry best practices for storage (acid-free boxes, climate-controlled, organization, security), access, and reassuring the public by providing a timeframe of when the move will take place.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Update on New City Hall History Features**

Chair Fessler said Vice-Chair Pinkerton was working with Communications Manager Heather Cassaro to develop a historic timeline for the new city hall.

Commissioner Pinkerton outlined Ms. Cassaro's vision, potential display locations (website, physical), and her role in helping this project move forward. Other commissioners are welcome to assist in locating needed photos once the basic timeline is in place.

Commissioner Cain said Redmond Museum had most of the high school annuals from past years.

### **C. Schedule 2017 Events**

- **Historic District:** Chair Fessler asked if City policy allowed commissioners to meet with downtown absentee owners individually to explain why the commission wants to form a historic district in Redmond before doing a public meeting. Mr. Woodford said he would check on that.
- **Hunt for History:** Commissioners discussed the date (Saturday, May 13, 2017), potential themes including Craftsman Bungalows, visibility, traffic flow, and security if using or touring the new city hall. Commissioner Rose reported being contacted by a citizen who asked if the City saved the original stairway handrails from the old Evergreen Elementary School. Planning for May Preservation Month 2017 activities is expected to start in mid-March 2017.
- **This Place Matters:** Commissioners agreed to continue this event for 2017.

## **STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Woodford reported appearing on television to publicize the house owned by the City in the area proposed for the expansion of Centennial Park. He thanked Commissioner Rose for a quote she suggested for the walking tour brochure. He suggested getting a quote from Eric Sande, executive director, Redmond Chamber of Commerce, regarding the popularity of this brochure. Mr. Woodford said he would e-mail commissioners when the City's press release about the updated brochure is issued (approximately mid-December 2016). Commissioners discussed how to distribute the new brochure.

