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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

City Hall 716 SW Evergreen Avenue Conference Room A

Thursday, March 14, 2013

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Agenda

RHLC MEMBERS	OBJECTIVES	TIME	ITEM
Jack Nelson	PROPOSED AGENDA	9:00 AM	CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS
Trish Pinkerton		9:05 AM	DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS
Jane Schroeder			A. May - Historic Preservation Month
			B. Old Redmond Schoolhouse
Phyllis Sturza			C. Approval of Minutes
			1. February 14, 2013
Jo Anne Sutherland		10:15 AM	LIAISON COMMENTS
		10:20 AM	CITIZEN COMMENTS
		10:20 AM	STAFF COMMENTS
			ADJOURN

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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Minutes

Thursday, February 14, 2013

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

Commissioners Present: Chair Jack Nelson, Vice Chair Jo Anne Sutherland, Trish Pinkerton, Jane Schroeder (absent: *Phyllis Sturza*)

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Ginny McPherson, *City Councilor*; Susan Caward; Owen Evans

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after the motion title shows the number of Commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nelson opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. with a quorum present and thanked Councilor McPherson for her support.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

C. Petersen Rock Garden

Chair Nelson reported correspondence and phone calls among Ms. Caward, Mr. Evans, and himself and also phoning Deschutes County Commissioner Alan Unger. Both the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and Deschutes County Historical Landmarks Commission have expressed interest in retaining this park and facility.

Mr. Evans noted his background in anthropology and archaeology and summarized what is being done to restore this endangered landmark. The grounds are currently closed. Based on his initial assessment (photos, videos), restoration will take several months. Work needed before the garden can reopen will include cleanup (dumpster), parking lot extension, monument protection and stabilization, vandalism prevention, repairing the irrigation system, filling ponds, new signs, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) access to restrooms and the museum. Current funding (donations, gift shop sales) is inadequate to support the site which is under state review for a National Register nomination. He is working closely with Deschutes County and the field manager of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). He is developing a business plan, trying to identify sustainable funding sources, and has contacted Oregon State University (Master Gardeners, Extension) and the Oregon Department of Transportation. A video brief of the garden is posted on the SHPO website. He is receiving e-mail and Facebook contacts from all over the country, and volunteers of all ages are coming forward.

Ms. Richards suggested contacting the University of Oregon Masters Historic Preservation Program and Oregon Travel Experience. National Register properties are considered cultural attractions, which qualifies them for cultural signage along highways. Petersen Rock Garden was identified as one of the top ten endangered sites in Oregon two years ago. It is outside the City's jurisdiction but the community of Redmond has a strong emotional attachment to it.

A. Historic Landmark Designation

Address: 403 SW 6th Street (now known as Lynch & Roberts Store)

Owner: Housing Authority

Chair Nelson reported meeting with Craig Unger, board member, to explain the Landmarks Commission process and objectives. Mr. Unger was very supportive and said he would present this information to the board of directors. The board has already made significant structural improvements. Chair Nelson discussed the interpretive potential, rarity of type/style, identification, symbolic value, and ownership chronology. He scored the property 42.5 (top score: 45). He is awaiting a response from the board but expected the directors to support his recommendation to move this property forward in the landmark designation process.

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Commissioner Sutherland moved that the Redmond Landmarks Commission forward the preservation application for 403 SW 6th Street (Lynch & Roberts Store) to City Council for a public hearing on designating it as a National Register property. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Old Redmond Schoolhouse Subcommittee (Commissioners Nelson and Pinkerton)

Chair Nelson reported speaking with various individuals about adding an accessible restroom, kitchen facility, and accessory needs to this building. He summarized the layout he envisioned. He commended Commissioner Pinkerton for her drafting of a notice to generate more public involvement in this project.

Commissioners agreed **by consensus** that Chair Stevens should talk with Don Stevens (architectural assessment) and YouthBuild (renovation assistance). Additional concerns included *looking at the total structure not just restrooms, adding historically accurate photos and amenities (chalkboard), selling souvenirs and maps of the canyon, working with Master Gardeners on a landscape plan around the schoolhouse, and improving vehicle access.*

Councilor McPherson reported attending the February 13 joint meeting of the Parks Commission, Redmond Area Park and Recreation District, and Redmond Parks Foundation. The schoolhouse was discussed at length as a possibility for providing concession and restroom facilities to enhance use of the Dry Canyon.

Ms. Richards said the Parks Commission has the schoolhouse scheduled on its 2013 work plan. If YouthBuild appears to be a viable partner, this project will need to be added to the Parks Commission budget for fiscal year (FY) 2013-2014. She suggested that the subcommittee meet with Public Works Director Bill Duerden, Parks Commission Chair Gary Parks, and herself to brainstorm restoration options.

D. Historic Preservation Month Discussion

Ms. Richards presented an e-mail from Sharon Leighty on efforts underway to celebrate National Historic Preservation Month in May 2013 on a regional (Central Oregon) basis. The Deschutes County Historical Landmarks Commission received a \$1,000 grant to support this effort. She also shared the SHPO list of Preservation Month Ideas. She will be unable to attend the brainstorming meeting on February 21, 2013, 5:15-6:30 p.m. She suggested leveraging this celebration to include reopening of the Petersen Rock Garden. She also recommended taking advantage of the increased interest in historic preservation during May to publicize what the Landmarks Commission has been doing.

Chair Nelson volunteered to attend to represent Redmond interests, but pointed out that the Landmarks Commission is scheduled to meet that evening at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Pinkerton volunteered to research what it would take to set up a Facebook page for historic preservation. Ms. Richards said staff could assist with the setup mechanics but would not be able to keep it updated.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the January 10, 2013, minutes as presented. Commissioner Pinkerton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Evans requested two spelling corrections on the meeting agenda: "Old Redmod Schoolhouse" to "Old Redmond Schoolhouse" and "Pedersen" Rock Garden to "Petersen Rock Garden."

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards announced that City Council will start its goal-setting process on February 19, 2013, which will include reviewing department work programs. The Landmarks Commission will need to develop its work plan for FY 2013-2014 (July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014), which be presented to Council during the budget process.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Pinkerton said she would be on jury duty for the next two weeks.

Jessie Hill School Bell: Commissioner Schroeder summarized what she knew of the bell's history. Discussion ensued on *ownership*, *how the bell would be displayed* (Art Around the Clock pedestal in City-owned green space), *location* (Redmond Public Library), and *displaying it in time for Historic Preservation Month* (May 2013). Commissioner Schroeder volunteered to contact Larry Kansky who had the bell in his possession at one time. Ms. Richards said she would research the bell's provenance through the City's partner agencies.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this _____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

Jack Nelson
Chair

Heather Richards
Community Development Director