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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
City Hall 716 SW Evergreen Avenue Conference Room A
Thursday, September 19, 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. State Historic Preservation Office Presentation by Kuri Gill, Program Coordinator Diana Painter, Survey Coordinator
Phyllis Sturza			B. Historic District Survey and Nominations
Jo Anne Sutherland		10:10 AM	C. Approval of Minutes a. July 18, 2013 b. August 8, 2013
		10:15 AM	LIAISON COMMENTS
		10:20 AM	CITIZEN COMMENTS
		10:25 AM	STAFF COMMENTS
			ADJOURN

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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION **Minutes**

Thursday, July 18, 2013

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

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

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

Visitors: Ginny McPherson, *Council Liaison*; Richard Lance, *Parks Commission*; Leslie Pugmire Hole, *Redmond Spokesman*

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CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nelson opened the meeting at 9:08 a.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Dry Canyon Park Plan – Landscape Preservation

Mr. Lance thanked Susan Bailey, Public Works Office Manager, and Bob Jenson, retired U.S. Forest Service geologist, for their assistance in putting the PowerPoint presentation together. He summarized the geological history of the Dry Canyon, suggested creating a Redmond Geological Interpretive Center to tell the untold story of Central Oregon, and presented the Redmond Rocks 10-year plan. Next steps will include publicizing the proposed project to generate interest and support.

Ms. Richards summarized the Dry Canyon master-planning process to date, discussing past and present community values (preservation and development areas), evolution of uses in the Dry Canyon, and potential partners in moving forward (e.g., Children's Forest Group).

Commissioner comments covered *interested parties, importance of involving all Central Oregon cities, developing an ongoing educational process, preserving the character of the canyon, historic controversy over appropriate uses in the canyon, opportunities to educate City staff and the public, and discussing the impact that developed areas (dog park, disc golf, sewer treatment plant) have on natural areas at a future meeting.*

B. Old Redmond Schoolhouse Update

Ms. Richards discussed two ideas for use of this structure. **Plan A:** Roger Lee is still interested in using the former schoolhouse and is working on getting a lot to put it on; however, his pace has slowed down. **Plan B:** Staying in touch with YouthBuild and the Children's Forest Group which have both indicated interest in this building.

Following discussion, Commissioners agreed **by consensus** to move forward with installing an interpretive panel (cost about \$200) to help generate more interest in the schoolhouse. Chair Nelson recommended including information about the history and uniqueness of the canyon.

C. Historic Landmark Designation

Ms. Richards presented an updated list of Redmond Properties to Consider for Local Landmark Designation. The eight properties designated so far are 111 NW 8th Street (John Roberts House), 342 SW Canyon Drive (Roy Carpenter House), 861 NW 17th Street (Gibbs House), 145 SW 6th Street (George R. and Walter Hofstetter House), 135 SW 6th Street (J. Sidney and Lizzie Lloyd House), 827 SW Deschutes Avenue (Jessie Hill School), 640 SW Evergreen Avenue (Central Oregon Co-Op Creamery), and East Whited Farmstead. The only “no” received to date was from WHM Enterprises for 502 SW Evergreen Avenue (Walter Franks Building). The City is currently working with a volunteer to scan the property files into the City’s database so they can be displayed on the City website.

Chair Nelson said that two letters have been sent to non-Redmond owners of properties proposed for designation. He is awaiting a response from Central Oregon Housing Authority on 403 SW 6th Street (Roberts and Lynch Store) and 421 SW 6th Street (Irvin Furniture Store).

Commissioners discussed the evaluation process and value of publicizing what they are doing to the community before agreeing **by consensus** to start evaluating the next 47 of the 77 properties proposed for designation.

Jessie Hill School Bell: Chair Nelson requested an update on interpretive plaques to be installed at Redmond Public Library and Vern Patrick School. Ms. Richards reported that both the library and school are interested in learning more about the size and proposed location for each plaque.

Commissioner discussion points included *publishing photos of old structures to encourage community input on the locations*, and *value of a ground-mounted display for the bell* (similar to one at a Roseburg grade school for a bell made by the same company as the Jessie Hill School bell). Commissioner Pinkerton volunteered to draft content for each plaque.

Councilor McPherson said that Redmond Spokesman is doing a Facebook post of different areas in Redmond. She suggested including photos of older structures in that post.

D. Approval of Minutes

Motion 1: Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the May 9, May 23, and June 7, 2013, minutes as presented. Commissioner Sturza seconded the motion which passed unanimously (4/0/0) for the May 9 and May 23 minutes and passed (3/0/1) for the June 7 minutes with Commissioners Nelson, Schroeder, and Sturza voting in favor and Commissioner Pinkerton abstaining from voting due to her absence from the June 7 meeting.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilor McPherson said that Mr. Lance’s presentation was exciting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards announced a training opportunity: a Certified Local Government workshop to be held in Dayton, Oregon, on October 8, 2013. She invited Commissioners to call her if they are interested in attending this workshop. The City will cover travel expenses. The new City Manager (Keith Witcosky) is now on board and will be visiting City Commissions starting July 15, 2013.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Nelson reported that the Historical Society Museum has reopened and is displaying items from Petersen Rock Garden.

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2013.

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Sturza moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:11 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



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Minutes

Thursday, August 8, 2013

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

Commissioners Present: Chair Jack Nelson, Vice-Chair Phyllis Sturza, Trish Pinkerton, Jane Schroeder, Jo Anne Sutherland

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Kim Dickie, *Airport Director*; Eric Fancett, *Deputy Director-Business Operations*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Ginny McPherson, *Council Liaison*

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CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nelson opened the meeting at 9:05 a.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. World War II Hangar at Roberts Field

Ms. Richards outlined the hangar's history. This hangar is a prototype of a standard hangar built in the 1940s for Air Force bases. The City owns the hangar which is currently leased to Butler Aircraft. This is the only remaining artifact from WW II days at the airport that is designated as a local historic landmark. This building is also listed on the State historic database. The exterior integrity of the building has never been altered. The City needs to have a dialogue about the value in retaining a building that is representative of the history of the airport during WW II. Other issues for discussion could include leveraging the historic value of the hangar into a business value, and historic restoration/preservation funding sources (FAA, Department of Defense, GA community, WW II veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, historical society, Cal Butler family).

Ms. Dickie pointed out the hangar's location on a map in relation to other airport facilities. Butler has been utilizing the north end of the airfield as a fixed-base operator, providing general aviation (GA) services. The hangar is used for aircraft maintenance and storage; the current lease will expire in July 2014. GA is only 5% of the airport's revenue, so the airport relies on the tenant for upkeep. The Airport Commission will discuss the future of general aviation at its August 8 meeting, and is concerned about the best future use of this hangar, maintenance needed, lack of funding for future rehabilitation, competition for Butler's business from other Central Oregon airports, and whether to extend the current lease or consider redevelopment of this property.

Commissioners discussed *historical significance to the community, building size, Butler's intent on lease renewal, percentage of airport used by GA, impact of WW II use of the airport on the Cline Falls airstrip, why the hangar was painted pink, encouraging the Airport Commission to continue the historic designation, and being kept apprised of progress on this project.*

B. Historic Landmark Designation

Old Redmond Schoolhouse: Ms. Richards reported that Roger Lee has found a lot and is working on the due-diligence part prior to making a formal proposal to Commissioners and City Council. The sign installed this summer has generated interest from *Redmond Executive Association* (café/market and public educational forum), *Redmond Geological Interpretive Center* (Richard Lance), *YouthBuild* (student historic restoration project), *Heart of Oregon*, and *Brown School*. Materials would have to be donated as there are no City funds for restoration. She noted that Council has not yet discussed the value of using public funds to support preservation of historic structures. She agreed to contact the City of Ashland regarding its role in preserving publicly owned historic structures.

Commissioner discussion covered *opportunities for community education, updating Mr. Lee about interest from community groups, retaining public ownership in the current Dry Canyon location, community fund-raising, material costs, timeline of groups indicating interest now, and impact of commercial use on the Dry Canyon master-planning process.*

Chair Nelson reported meeting with a YouthBuild member this morning at the Old Redmond Schoolhouse in the Dry Canyon. The next step will be for the City and YouthBuild to put together a program. He recommended installing another sign at the soccer field.

Councilor McPherson said individual councilors are interested in historic designation but discussion is taking place only at the commission level.

Jessie Hill School Bell: Chair Nelson said People in the community have been taking pictures of the bell in its tower at the school. Commissioner Pinkerton has been putting together a format for a framed information sheet for Redmond Public Library and Vern Patrick School.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilor McPherson said discussions about what to do with the Old Redmond Schoolhouse prompted Ms. Dickie's interest in the historical status of Redmond Airport's World War II hangar.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS (None)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (None)

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2013.

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:09 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