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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION **Minutes**

Thursday, January 10, 2013

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

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

City Staff: Jackie Abslag, *Office Assistant III*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: None

(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 a.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion 1 (5/0/0): Commissioner Sutherland moved to nominate Commissioner Nelson to serve as Chair for calendar year 2013. Commissioner Nelson agreed to serve. Commissioner Sturza seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 2 (5/0/0): Commissioner Sutherland moved to nominate Commissioner Sturza to serve as Vice Chair for calendar year 2013. Commissioner Sturza agreed to serve, but said that she would be absent in February and March this year. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Historic Landmarks Designation

- 1. Update:** Ms. Abslag presented the Redmond Historic Landmarks Inventory as of January 8, 2013, Page 3 of 4 (Ordinance 2013-02). She reported that City Council has held two public hearings and approved five properties for "Historic Landmark" designation and two for "Site of Historic Interest."

Chair Nelson asked what progress had been made in getting Central Oregon Housing Authority (Housing Works) to consider historic designation of 403 SW 6th Street (Roberts & Lynch Store). Ms. Abslag said she would check with Community Development Director Heather Richards.

- 2. Next Mailing/Meetings:** Following discussion of other properties that may be appropriate for historic designation, Commissioners asked staff to verify the mailing address for *Housing Works*. Commissioners **by consensus** asked staff to invite owners of other properties under consideration for historic designation to attend one of the following meetings: January 31 (7 p.m.), February 14 (9 a.m.), or February 21 (7 p.m.) Ms. Abslag

said that she would get this mailing out early next week. Commissioner Sutherland recommended that Commissioners make personal contact with owners of properties being considered for designation to encourage them to attend a work session.

Chair Nelson said that, based on past discussions with property owners, lack of certainty on the property tax implications of historic designation is a barrier. Following discussion, he stated that he would contact the county assessor to get clarification on this issue.

C. Evergreen Residential Historic District

Commissioners discussed properties in the Evergreen corridor that may be appropriate for historic designation, other corridors leading into the Dry Canyon, number of properties required to form a district, who initiates National Register nominations, and verifying the mailing address for the house owned by Gary Lynch. **By consensus**, Commissioners agreed to postpone further discussion on this issue until the historic designation process for individual properties is done.

D. Old Redmond Schoolhouse

Commissioners said that the current site of the schoolhouse experiences good foot traffic from users of the dog park and tennis courts. They identified barriers to finding a tenant, which included lack of funding, poor return on investment, poor access, and a slow economy. Chair Nelson and Commissioner Pinkerton volunteered to draft a public announcement about the opportunity for a citizen subcommittee to explore funding options for this project.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion 3 (4/0/1): Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the November 8 and November 29, 2012, minutes as presented. Commissioner Sutherland seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Nelson, Schroeder, Sturza, and Sutherland voting in favor and Commissioner Pinkerton abstaining due to her absence from those meetings.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Abslag presented a current list of Commissioners' contact data. She handed out lapel pins (City of Redmond "hub" logo) provided by the mayor as thanks for Commissioners' willingness to serve.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Schroeder said she would contact Public Works to thank them for repairing the rock house in the Dry Canyon and cleaning up the site.

Vice Chair Sturza said she's heard a lot of positive public comments from people about "the hub" logo.

Chair Nelson shared an anecdote about reusing historic materials. When the first State Capitol building burned down, slabs of marble baseboards were rescued, converted by convicts into paperweights, and sold in the State Capitol gift shop.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 14th day of February, 2013.

ATTEST:

 /s/ Jack Nelson
Jack Nelson
Chair

 /s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director