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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION **Minutes**

Thursday, March 14, 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*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Ginny McPherson, *Council Liaison*; Leslie Pugmire Hole, *Redmond Spokesman*

(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 9:04 a.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION – ACTION ITEMS

A. May – Historic Preservation Month

Ms. Richards outlined activities being planned throughout Deschutes County for May 2013. These activities will include a slide show at the Tower Theater (May 1) and launch of a High Desert Preservation Facebook page. She suggested linking the Landmarks Commission Facebook page to this one.

Commissioner suggestions of additional activities for Historic Preservation Month included *conducting Art Moderne tours, wider distribution of Art Moderne brochures (Redmond Chamber of Commerce, motels, restaurants), installing the Jessie Hill School bell, and publicizing preservation efforts for the Old Redmond Schoolhouse.*

Commissioner Pinkerton volunteered to keep the Facebook page of *Friends of the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission* updated once it is set up and to work with Ms. Richards to enhance public awareness of historic preservation in the Redmond area.

Jessie Hill School Bell: Commissioner Schroeder reported the results of her research into the bell's provenance. Larry Kansky stored the bell in his garage for many years and eventually gave it to the Greater Redmond Historical Society, but she has been unable to determine the ownership or current location.

Ms. Richards said she has worked out an agreement to install the bell (nonactive) on City-owned land in front of Redmond Public Library. A pedestal to hold the bell will be installed along with the new Art Around the Clock pedestals being constructed this spring. The City will cover liability insurance and will protect the bell from vandalism damage to the extent possible. She suggested adding an interpretive plaque to the bell.

B. Old Redmond Schoolhouse Subcommittee

Chair Nelson handed out a hand-drawn kitchen layout and a list of food and beverage service equipment that would be needed; the equipment list was provided by Neil Cross, *One Street Down*. He and Ms. Richards will meet with Garth Cook later today to explore interior remodeling options; he'll report progress at the next meeting. Outreach efforts include talking with YouthBuild and meeting with the Redmond Parks Commission on March 20, 2013.

Commissioner concerns covered *parking, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility, landscaping, protecting the structure from vandalism, and café seating* (interior and exterior).

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion 1 (4/0/1): Commissioner Sutherland moved to approve the February 14, 2013, minutes, subject to deleting the words "Vice Chair" in front of her name under Commissioners Present. Commissioner Pinkerton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Councilor McPherson said she is currently serving as liaison to three groups involved in historic preservation: Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission, Parks Commission, and Greater Redmond Historical Society.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS (None)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Schroeder recommended that the reed organ currently stored in the Redmond Historic Museum be displayed in a more public arena. Councilor McPherson suggested a musical venue that might be entitled "Music in Public Places."

Ms. Richards summarized the relationship between the old Redmond Historic Commission and Greater Redmond Historical Society regarding ownership and curation of artifacts bought with City dollars.

Commissioner Sutherland recommended moving forward with the Jessie Hill School bell now and continuing to work on promoting historic preservation of other structures and artifacts at a later time.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 11th day of April, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson
Jack Nelson
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director