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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Minutes

Thursday, April 11, 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*; James Lewis, *Planning Manager*; 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 9:04 a.m. Ms. Prow called the roll and established that a quorum was present.

DISCUSSION – ACTION ITEMS

A. May – Historic Preservation Month

- 1. Jessie Hill School Bell:** Commissioner Schroeder presented two articles and photos from the *Redmond Spokesman* (May 19, 1959, and February 16, 1977). The bell stored in Larry Kansky's barn is from the railroad depot, not Jessie Hill School.

Ms. Richards reported that the Redmond Public Library board of directors is excited about being able to display this bell at the front entrance. She will request permission to view the bell at Vern Patrick School.

Commissioner discussion covered *bell uses/locations, restoring the clapper, relocating the bell from Vern Patrick School (cupola) to an Art Around the Clock pedestal at Redmond Library, vandalism protection, security, and integrity of the original materials.*

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Commissioner Pinkerton moved to authorize the Redmond Community Development Director to approach Redmond School District about relocating the historic school bell to its original library. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Ms. Richards presented draft promotional materials and discussed collaborative efforts to promote National Preservation Month throughout Central Oregon.

Commissioner Pinkerton reported that one of the Redmond Library staff (Jenny) has been assigned to the HLC to help with historic preservation events in May.

2. **Kiosk at Old Redmond Schoolhouse:** Chair Nelson said the Parks Commission favored HLC's proposal to install a kiosk, containing information about historic preservation month as it related to the school. Commissioners discussed the *size, location, message content* (helping the public understand the value of this structure to the community), *and protection*.

Ms. Richards said the City could build and install the kiosk by May 1, 2013.

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Sturza moved to authorize the City of Redmond to go ahead and set up the kiosk at the schoolhouse in the canyon. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioners requested that Ms. Richards e-mail a draft of the message content to them for review before installing the kiosk.

B. Old Redmond Schoolhouse Update

Ms. Richards said Parks Commissioners did not reach consensus at their March 20 meeting on the value of this building to the community or what to do with it, and have no funding available. A March 21, 2013, article and a subsequent editorial in *The Bulletin* generated a response from the public. Roger Lee has expressed interest in buying the building, relocating it to Canyon Rim Village, and renting it. He has relocated several historic structures in Redmond and is known for maintaining the historic integrity of the exterior façade. The City consulted an architectural expert who said this building is movable. The estimated cost is \$20,000. A woman whose husband is a contractor has expressed interest in using the building as a restaurant.

Commissioner concerns included *risk of damage to the building from moving it* and the *value of a publicly owned building vs. the opportunity to save it by allowing a private party to reuse it*. **By consensus**, Commissioners asked Ms. Richards to invite Mr. Lee to attend their May 2013 meeting and to contact the other interested party.

Chair Nelson volunteered to get Bob Riggs' feedback on the HLC's ideas for reusing this building.

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion 3 (4/0/0): Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the March 14, 2013, minutes as presented. Commissioner Sturza seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards said she will be asking the state to extend the grant for the City to pursue historic district nomination so that this project can be moved into the next fiscal year's work program.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Nelson provided an update on the building at 403 SW 6th Street known as the "Roberts & Lynch Store." He met with the *Housing Works* board of directors and explained the implications of historic designation alternatives. A 3-person subcommittee will study this issue and make a recommendation to the HLC on how they want to proceed. He will contact Cyndy Cook, executive director, regarding their decision. He commented on the difficulty of reaching closure in the historic designation process when dealing with out-of-town property owners.

Commissioner Pinkerton announced that she is preparing to launch the HLC's Facebook page on May 1, 2013.

Chair Nelson thanked Commissioner Pinkerton for her help.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 9th day of May, 2012.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson
Jack Nelson
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director