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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*

*(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 show the number of Commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)*

### **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 8<sup>th</sup> Street (John Roberts House), 342 SW Canyon Drive (Roy Carpenter House), 861 NW 17<sup>th</sup> Street (Gibbs House), 145 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street (George R. and Walter Hofstetter House), 135 SW 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Roberts and Lynch Store) and 421 SW 6<sup>th</sup> 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 19TH day of September, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson  
Jack Nelson  
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards  
Heather Richards  
Community Development Director