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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION Minutes

Thursday, October 10, 2013

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

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

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

Visitors: Ginny McPherson, *Council Liaison*

(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. Ms. Prow conducted roll call and established that a quorum was present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Historic District Survey and Nominations: Discussion About Next Steps for an Art Deco Historic District or a Downtown Historic District

Commissioners agreed that last month's presentation on historic districts by staff from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) was helpful.

Ms. Richards said the City has \$10,000 available to support the Landmarks Commission. These funds could be used to hire a consultant to assist in the historic district designation process or buy plaques for historically designated properties. Options for district designation included an Art Deco District, Downtown Commercial Historic District, or Residential Historic District. She presented a copy of the Art Deco Multiple Properties Submission, not approved by SHPO in 2001, which included a nomination for 716 SW Evergreen Avenue (Safeway store). She discussed designation types, geographical vs. thematic historic districts, "branding" Redmond by the type of district, and advantages and disadvantages of different districts.

Commissioners discussed designation types, integrity of these types in Redmond, potential downtown district boundary (west, north, east, south: 10th Street, Forest Avenue, 5th Street, Black Butte Avenue), consultants with National Register Historic District experience, data resources (Redmond Museum, Deschutes County Historical Landmarks Commission, Tum-A-Lum and other plan kits, builders exchanges, Redmond Spokesman, realtors), reconnaissance vs. intensive surveys, identifying the historic district with "brown" signs, how other communities protect historic resources, and educating property owners about the advantages and disadvantages of historic designation.

By consensus, Commissioners asked Ms. Richards to locate plan kit books published by Tum-A-Lum and other companies and to verify if a historic district can be smaller than the study area.

Motion 1 (3/0/0): Commissioner Schroeder moved that the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission get bids from Michael Hall regarding the evaluation work needed to designate a Downtown Historic District. Commissioner Pinkerton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of Development Code Relative to National Register Historic Districts

Ms. Richards summarized potential impacts of exempting National Register properties from compliance with the Redmond Development Code.

Commissioner concerns included the risk of no protection for historically designated properties and the need to educate businesses about the value of historic district nominations vs. regulatory requirements. Commissioners, *by consensus*, agreed that the code should be kept “as is.”

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards reported meeting with Roger Lee and Wendie Every. Mr. Lee has indicated he is ready to make a proposal to City Council this fall about his plan for the Old Redmond Schoolhouse. The new site proposed is close to other buildings on the City’s walking tour route. City Attorney Steve Bryant is working through the legal process to designate the schoolhouse as surplus City property. Ms. Every has withdrawn her interest in converting the building to a concession stand in the Dry Canyon.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (None)

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013.

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 12th day of December, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ JoAnn Sutherland, pro tem
Jack Nelson
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director