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## **REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

### **Minutes**

Thursday, February 9, 2012

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

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Jack Nelson, Vice Chair Jo Anne Sutherland, Jane Schroeder  
(*absent:* Mike Thompson, Phyllis Sturza)

**City Staff:** Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; James Lewis, *Long-Range/Economic Development Planner*

**Visitors:** Shirlee Evans, *City Councilor*; Trish Pinkerton, *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 members voting in favor/against/abstaining.)*

### **CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Nelson opened the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m. with a quorum present.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### A. Mapping Exercise to Identify District Study Areas

Chair Nelson said the goal for today's meeting was to continue a long-term process to describe and eventually designate properties in Redmond that are historically significant.

Mr. Lewis discussed the work needed to create a historic district versus designating sites individually and defined "contributing" and "noncontributing" structures or properties. Staff can assist with preparation of an inventory document based on Commissioners' input. Many sites are old, but is their historic integrity worthy of preservation?

Ms. Richards discussed benefits of historic designations such as bringing interest and investment to historic properties, neighborhood revitalization, increased property value, highlighting architectural themes, and create a sense of place.

Commissioner concerns included *cost-effective approach to protect historic buildings/sites, evaluation criteria for historic significance* (architecture, business uses, homes, important people, properties at risk due to redevelopment), *possible districts* (downtown, Dry Canyon, corridor), *barriers to listing properties* (regulatory impact, additional cost for maintenance/renovation), *benefits to listing properties* (tax break), *mapping ideas* (public survey, public tour, face-to-face visit with owners of properties proposed for inclusion, and *updating documentation* (1997 aerial map, Michael Hauser's inventory, Michael Hall's survey), and *impact of urban renewal district expansion*.

Commissioners identified the following buildings and areas for further consideration: Chadwick Building, First National Bank, medical area around Larch Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Street

homes south of Black Butte Avenue, properties surrounding Evergreen School, Sam Johnson Park, and 7<sup>th</sup> Street south of post office.

**B. Identification of Landmarks to Evaluate from Heritage Resources Survey**

Mr. Lewis from Leadership Redmond Class of 2011/2012 will assist Historic Landmarks Commission on designation process for Historic District for Art Deco/Moderne structures. Need historic files and obtain base information for each building.

**LIAISON COMMENTS** (None)

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** (None)

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Richards reported that she has approached City Manager David Brandt about supporting historic district planning efforts by reallocating some funds to match with a Certified Local Government grant.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2012, 9:30 a.m.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS** (None)

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 13th day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson  
Jack Nelson  
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards  
Heather Richards  
Community Development Director