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## **REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

### **Minutes**

Thursday, April 12, 2012

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

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

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

**Visitors:** 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 Commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)*

### **CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Nelson opened the meeting at 9:42 a.m. with a quorum present.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### A. Update on Projects

##### **1. Old Redmond Schoolhouse**

Ms. Richards presented the April 2012 Request for Proposal for Park Concessions (in a historic structure) at North Central Dry Canyon Park. Proposals are due by April 25, 2012. To date, one party has expressed interest.

Commissioner discussion covered *reallocating \$1,500 in memorial contributions to cover cost of interpretive exhibits, internal vs. external access to restroom facilities, private-sector funding, tree preservation, master gardener support of landscaping needs, and keeping this facility in its current location.*

Chair Nelson said he would contact Commissioners Sturza and Sutherland regarding their interest in serving on the proposal selection committee.

##### **2. Whited Farmstead, Barn, and Outbuildings**

Ms. Richards requested postponement of this issue to the next meeting due to lack of resource materials.

##### **3. Certified Local Government Status**

Ms. Richards said that the State Historic Preservation Office has approved Certified Local Government status for Redmond, making it eligible to apply for historic preservation grants.

##### **4. Certified Local Government Grant Application**

Ms. Richards presented a copy of the CLG Grant Application for the 2012-2013 grant cycle. The City applied for a \$10,000 grant to help fund an intensive-level survey of 70 properties

in the Downtown City Center and to hire a consultant to write the National Register Nomination for a potential commercial historic district.

C. Preservation Month Event

Ms. Richards said that she will contact Leadership Redmond regarding sponsorship of an Art Moderne walking tour during May 2012 for "Historic Preservation Month."

Commissioner concerns included *partnering with Deschutes County Historical Society and conducting oral interviews of longtime residents regarding potential historic resources*. Commissioner Schroeder agreed to share her list of potential interviewees with staff and other commissioners.

B. Historic Landmarks Review and Evaluation

Ms. Richards presented a list of 34 Redmond Properties to Consider for Local Landmark Designation, sample Rating Sheet, and indexes of Deschutes County properties (organized by *name* and by *address*). Staff are developing a database of historic properties and will provide copies of County records for the properties being rated by Commissioners

Ms. Pinkerton said that *Redmond Spokesman* archive files are available upon request.

Following discussion, Commissioners volunteered to rate the following properties and report their scores and rationale to the Landmarks Commission at the May 2012 meeting:

- \* **Commissioner Schroeder** (6 properties): George Brewster House/Garage, Gibbs House, Walter Franks Building, Jessie Hill School, Central Oregon Cooperative Creamery, and J. F. Hosch House.
- \* **Commissioner Thompson** (6 properties): John Roberts House, E. C. Parker Drug Store, George R. and Walter Hofstetter House, Methodist Church Manse, rock structure in the North Canyon Park, and East Whited Farmstead.
- \* **Commissioner Nelson** (6 properties): John Tuck House, Arthur Tuck House, Homestead site (requested by the Deschutes County Historical Society), Roberts and Lynch Store, Redmond Spokesman Building, and Frederick Apartments.

Chair Nelson said he will consult Commissioners Sturza and Sutherland to identify the properties that they are willing to rate, and provide that information to staff.

D. Approval of Minutes

Chair Nelson postponed approval of the February 9, 2012, minutes until the May 2012 meeting to give staff time to fill in gaps due to technical difficulties with the audio record.

**Motion 1** (3/0/0): Commissioner Schroeder moved that the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission approve the March 8, 2012, minutes as presented. Commissioner Thompson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**LIAISON COMMENTS** (None)

**CITIZEN COMMENTS** (None)

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Ms. Richards reported that she presented her annual update (progress report) to City Council on what the Landmarks Commission achieved in 2011. She recommended educating property owners and

Councilors about advantages and disadvantages of historic designation to help reduce Council concerns about overregulation of private property.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Nelson asked if the historic designation on Michael Hauser’s house will be impacted by the new owner’s property improvements (new fencing).

**ADJOURN**

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., May 10, 2012.

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 10th day of May, 2012.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson  
Jack Nelson  
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards  
Heather Richards  
Community Development Director