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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Minutes

Thursday, May 10, 2012

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

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

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

Visitors: Trish Pinkerton, *Redmond Spokesman*; Roxia Thornton Todoroff, *Deschutes Fair & Expo and Leadership Redmond*

(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 9:35 a.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Preservation Month Event – Art Moderne Brochure and Tour

Mr. Lewis presented a draft brochure: "Walking Tour of The Moderne Architectural Movement in Redmond, Oregon." Leadership Redmond has agreed to sponsor a walking tour in honor of "Historic Preservation Month."

Commissioners discussed *format* (style definition & characteristics, preservation efforts), *content* (text, photographs, map), *graphics* (print size, colors, watermarks, add Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission & HUB logo), *data sources*, *readability*, *adding the HUB logo*, *promotion* (press releases, newspaper articles, Redmond Chamber of Commerce newsletter), *publishing deadline* (May 31), *funding*, *HLC leadership role*, and *avoiding conflict with other community events* (June 16, 10 a.m., start at clock tower in Centennial Park). Commissioners thanked Ms. Todoroff for her "good job" on the brochure design.

B. Update on Projects

1. Old Redmond Schoolhouse

Ms. Richards reported that this project was "on hold." The City issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to restore and re-use this building as a concession site. She attributed the lack of response (zero) to the Redmond Parks Commission's inability to help offset the high cost of restoration. City Council approved hiring a parks planner, to be shared with Redmond Area Park and Recreation District, who will work on the Dry Canyon Master Plan. This property doesn't qualify for a Preservation Oregon grant because it isn't on the National Register. Public Works will apply for a "Transportation Enhancement" grant to cover facility restoration, which would reduce the financial impact of re-using this structure.

Commissioners asked if Redmond Area Park and Recreation District might be interested in serving as concessionaire in this facility.

2. Certified Local Government Grant Application

Ms. Richards said that the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) approved the City's \$10,000 grant application and the City Budget Committee approved \$10,000 in matching funds. Once the funds are awarded, the City will issue an RFP for a consultant. The consultant will conduct two surveys in the downtown area (reconnaissance-level, 70 properties; intensive-level, 7-10 properties) and write the National Register Nomination for a commercial historic district. The consultant will meet with the HLC before starting this project which should be completed within 18 months.

C. Historic Landmarks Review and Evaluation

Ms. Richards said staff are still scanning Deschutes County records in order to develop a City database of historic properties. She requested that Commissioners notify Ms. Abslag before directly accessing County files.

Chair Nelson explained how he conducted his evaluations, the resource materials he used, and his rationale for scoring the John Tuck House (38), Arthur Tuck House (31.5), Homestead Park site (36), and Redmond Spokesman Building (37). The top score possible is 43. He stated that all except the Arthur Tuck House should be considered for designation as either a "Landmark" or "Site of Historic Interest." He will review two more properties before the next meeting.

Commissioner concerns included the *risk of losing the historic integrity of a property on 13th Street and property owner notification*. Commissioners agreed **by consensus** to include in their evaluations the basis on which they felt each property should be judged.

Chair Nelson recommended completing all evaluations before the Commission votes on which properties should move forward in the designation process.

Ms. Richards said that she would revise the Rating Worksheet to include ticklers for "Evaluator's Recommendation," "Landmarks Commission Recommendation," and "Historical Society Designation."

D. Approval of Minutes

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Vice Chair Sutherland moved to approve the October 13, November 10, and December 1, 2011, minutes as presented. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 2 (3/0/1): Vice Chair Sutherland moved to approve the December 8, 2011, minutes as presented. Commissioner Sturza seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Nelson, Sutherland, and Sturza voting in favor and Commissioner Schroeder abstaining due to her absence from that meeting.

Motion 3 (2/0/2): Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the January 12, February 9, and April 12, 2012, minutes as presented. Chair Nelson seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Nelson and Schroeder voting in favor, Commissioner Sturza abstaining due to her absence from the January, February, and April meetings, and Commissioner Sutherland abstaining due to her absence from the April meeting.

LIAISON COMMENTS

Ms. Richards reported that City Council has decided review the draft minutes and participate in HLC meetings only when Commissioners or staff feel that Council presence is necessary.

Chair Nelson said that Councilor comments would be welcome at any time.

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards reported that a short PowerPoint presentation on architectural styles is available for Commissioner review. This information is also available in a book that Jackie Abslag will deliver to Commissioners along with the historic files they will be using in the evaluation process. Information on the decision-making process (role-playing) will be presented to Commissioners prior to any public hearings they may hold. She distributed copies of the new brochure, *Walking Tour of The Moderne Architectural Movement in Redmond, Oregon*.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

By consensus, Commissioners requested time to review the PowerPoint presentation on architectural styles at their next meeting.

Chair Nelson thanked Ms. Richards for her assistance in providing background information to aid in the Commission’s evaluation process, including her efforts to create an electronic database of Redmond historic properties. Ms. Richards said that all electronic historic files (several hundred) will eventually be posted on the City website.

He also commended Commissioners for adding historic property evaluations to their already-busy lives.

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., June 14, 2012.

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:42 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