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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION **Minutes**

Thursday, August 9, 2012

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

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

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 9:05 a.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Historic Landmarks Review and Evaluation (cont. from June 14, 2012)

Commissioner Thompson presented color photos on the rock structure in the canyon (Dunn property) and Stone Farmhouse across the road from the Kirk Whited Farmstead. He was unable to rate these properties due to lack of information.

Commissioner Sturza suggested placing an ad and photo in the *Redmond Spokesman*, asking for information on the rock structure in the canyon.

Commissioner concerns about the Stone Farmhouse included *physical status* (separate legal parcel), *protecting it from loss during redevelopment of surrounding land*, *recommending Landmark status separately or as part of the Whited Farmstead property*, and *interpretive signage about the Whited Farmstead property* (all buildings).

Ms. Richards said that staff will research designation options for the Whited Farmstead including the Stone Farmhouse.

B. Art Deco Tour

Ms. Richards presented the June 2012 brochure for *The Moderne Architectural Movement Walking Tour* and a list of events taking place downtown in August and September.

Commissioners discussed *target audience*, *transportation for older people who may not be able to walk far*, *tour starting point*, and *potential tour guides* (Lee Barker, Leroy Newport, Commissioner Schroeder, Deschutes County Historical Society members).

Commissioners agreed **by consensus** to conduct two consecutive one-hour tours on September 15 (Festival of Culture) that don't conflict with the naturalization ceremony.

Ms. Richards offered use of her department's pop-up tent. Staff will contact Cascades East Transportation to schedule a bus and issue a press release to Commissioners and media.

C. Evergreen Avenue Local Historic District

Chair Nelson led discussion on possible boundaries of a National Register historic district. Properties proposed included the Dobson House, Linda Brewster House, Lou Smith House, Redmond Union High School (Evergreen Elementary), and Tetherow House.

Points raised during discussion included *advantages to contiguous properties that illustrate a particular architectural style or theme, interpretive signage, and Commission outreach to affected property owners.*

Ms. Richards will research the Redmond Development Code on designation options and impacts of historic designation on individual properties. She recommended that Commissioners do a walking tour of the proposed district in September/October 2012. She will add a standing item to the Commission agenda to discuss potential historic designation with affected property owners prior to the public hearing process, starting September 2012.

D. Approval of Minutes

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Sturza moved that the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission correct Page 1 of the June 14, 2012, minutes to show that Commissioner Sturza evaluated the *J. Sidney and Lizzie Lloyd House*, not the George and Walter Hofstetter House. Vice Chair Sutherland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Thompson resigned, effective after this meeting, due to conflict between the meeting schedule and his employment. He commended the Commissioners for their commitment and dedication to preserving Redmond's historic resources.

Chair Nelson thanked Commissioner Thompson for his interest and dedication during his tenure.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards requested Commissioner assistance in recruiting someone to replace outgoing Commissioner Thompson. She reported that City Manager David Brandt has tendered his resignation effective on August 30, 2012. The Mayor and City Council are working on a transition plan.

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m., September 13, 2012.

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Sturza moved that the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission adjourn. Vice Chair Sutherland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson
Jack Nelson
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director