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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Minutes

Thursday, September 13, 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 (1 position vacant)

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

Visitors: Mike Thompson; Susan Bailey

(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 a.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

B. Historic Landmark Property Owner Discussions

Chair Nelson turned control of the meeting over to Vice Chair Sutherland to avoid a conflict of interest since he and his wife currently own 111 NW 8th Street and 145 SW 6th Street.

Mr. Williams summarized the benefits from Landmark designation: *honorific value* (recognized for importance to community), *financial impact* (property value increase, state and federal tax incentives if listed on the National Register of Historic Places), and *asset protection* (historic integrity for future generations).

Mr. Thompson presented his findings on two properties (top score: 45), discussing the interpretive potential, rarity of type/style, identification, symbolic value, and chronology:

<u>Properties Evaluated</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
111 NW 8 th Street, <i>John Roy Roberts House</i>	45.00	Landmark
145 SW 6 th Street, <i>house</i>	32.50	Landmark

Chair Nelson said he supported Landmark designation for both properties to protect historic integrity and honor contributions made by the property owners and occupants.

Motion 1 (3/0/1): Commissioner Schroeder moved that Redmond City Council consider designating 111 NW 8th Street (John Roy Roberts House) and 145 SW 6th Street (house) as Historic Landmarks, and schedule a public hearing accordingly. Commissioner Sturza seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Schroeder, Sturza, and Sutherland voting in favor and Commissioner Nelson abstaining.

Commissioners agreed **by consensus** to remove the Hofstetter name from the property at 145 SW 6th Street and to further research the name associated with that address.

Vice Chair Sutherland returned control of the meeting to Chair Nelson.

Chair Nelson presented his findings on the following property, discussing the interpretive potential, rarity of type/style, identification with the namesake family of Redmond, symbolic value, and chronology. The Greater Redmond Historical Society submitted a letter of support in February 2012.

<u>Property Evaluated</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
2036 NW Canal Blvd., <i>Frank Redmond Homestead</i>	36.00	Site of Historic Interest

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Sutherland moved that Redmond City Council consider designating 2036 NW Canal Boulevard (Frank Redmond Homestead) as a Site of Historic Interest, and schedule a public hearing accordingly. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Commissioners agreed **by consensus** to request staff assistance to research whether “Site of Historic Interest” will qualify this site for the funding desired, determine Sam Johnson’s connection to this site, include a photo of the original house on the site, and improve the legibility of interpretive information on the site.

Chair Nelson agreed to assume responsibility for property evaluations that former Commissioner Thompson did not have time to complete.

Commissioner Sturza asked staff to update the list of Redmond Properties to Consider for Local Landmark Designation by identifying who owns each property, adding HLC motion results, and deleting properties that Commissioners did not recommend for designation.

Commissioners discussed the logistics of scheduling property owner visits with the Landmarks Commission prior to City Council public hearings. How long will the designation process take? What happens if a property owner can’t be located or refuses to participate in the designation process? Commissioners agreed **by consensus** that, before they make personal contact, the City should send a letter to all property owners at the same time, including the basis for and implications of proceeding with local historic designation. Properties without owner support for designation will be dropped from consideration.

A. Art Deco Moderne Tour – Logistics

Chair Nelson reported speaking with Eric Sande, requesting assistance from Leadership Redmond during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. walking tours on September 15, 2012. Lee Barker will be unable to help due to health concerns.

Mr. Williams said that Ms. Richards could help set up a booth with chairs and brochures in the 7th Street Plaza. In response to staff’s request, Chair Nelson volunteered to help set up at 7 a.m. and Vice Chair Sutherland volunteered to staff the booth, starting at 8 a.m.

C. Approval of Minutes

Motion 3 (3/0/1): Commissioner Sturza moved that the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission approve the July 26, 2012, minutes as presented. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Nelson, Schroeder, and Sturza

voting in favor and Commissioner Sutherland abstaining due to her absence from that meeting.

Motion 4 (3/0/1): Commissioner Sutherland moved that the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission approve the August 9, 2012, minutes, subject to correcting "Motion 2" to "Motion 1" under D. Approval of Minutes on Page 2. Commissioner Sturza seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Nelson, Sturza, and Sutherland voting in favor and Commissioner Schroeder abstaining due to her absence from that meeting.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Williams reported that Ms. Richards will make a presentation to Leadership Redmond on the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission on September 27, 2012, 9-10 a.m. Chair Nelson volunteered to represent the Commission at that meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Nelson said that he will be attending the City Manager interviews on September 15, 2012, 8 a.m.

Commissioners briefly discussed ideas for celebrating Historic Preservation Month in May 2013. One suggestion was to have children from the Boys and Girls Club dance around a maypole.

ADJOURN

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

Motion 5 (4/0/0): Commissioner Sturza moved that the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission adjourn. Vice Chair Sutherland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 11th day of October, 2012.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson

Jack Nelson
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards

Heather Richards
Community Development Director