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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION **Minutes**

Thursday, November 8, 2012

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

Commissioners Present: Chair Jack Nelson, Vice Chair Jo Anne Sutherland, Jane Schroeder, Phyllis Sturza (1 position vacant)

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

Visitors: Audrey Cook; Lisa Goad; Richard Hill; Leslie Pugmire Hole, *Redmond Spokesman*; Linda Olson, *Redmond Public Library*

(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 9:06 a.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Historic Landmark Designation Discussion with Property Owners

- 1. Address: 827 SW Deschutes Avenue** (now known as “Jessie Hill School”)
Owners: Audrey Cook and Richard Hill

Ms. Richards summarized the historic designation review process, “Historic Landmark” and “Site of Historic Interest” designations, and type of alterations allowed (maintenance and painting not regulated). Property owner permission for historic designation is required before Council will hold a public hearing.

Ms. Olson, Redmond Library Manager, said that Redmond Public Library has no plans to drastically change the integrity of the building or sheetrock over the brick. However, Deschutes Public Library District Manager Todd Dunkelberg would prefer the “Site of Historic Interest” designation. She noted that people who attended Jessie Hill School recognize features that the library has retained.

Commissioner discussion covered *interpretive potential, rarity of type/style, identification, symbolic value, chronology of this resource, and disposition of the school bell*. Chair Nelson recommended maintaining the structural and visual integrity of the library building.

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Commissioner Schroeder moved that Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission recommend that City Council approve designating 827 SW Deschutes Avenue (“Jessie Hill School”) as a “Building of Historic Interest.” Commissioner Sutherland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Sturza moved that Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission recommend that the City of Redmond locate and display the Jessie Hill School bell at Redmond Public Library. Commissioner Sutherland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. Address: 451 NW 12th Street (now known as “Cyril and Kathryn Meyers House”)
Owners: Audrey Cook and Richard Hill

Ms. Richards summarized the historic designation review process, “Historic Landmark” and “Site of Historic Interest” designations, type of alterations allowed (maintenance and painting not regulated), and reviews done by Michael Houser, Michael Hall, and Commissioner Sturza. Property owner permission for historic designation is required before City Council will hold a public hearing.

Ms. Cook and Mr. Hill said their main concern was anything that might raise a “red flag” to lenders, such as deed restrictions. Mr. Hill stated that they had put new windows in but had not made any other changes.

Commissioner discussion covered *marketing potential for resale, deed restrictions, interpretive potential, rarity of type/style, identification, symbolic value, and chronology of this resource.*

By consensus, Commissioners asked staff to research impacts to property taxes and deed restrictions once the appropriate documents have been received from the property owners.

Ms. Richards said that Dennis and Naomi McClay are scheduled to attend the HLC meeting on November 29, 2012.

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion 3 (4/0/0): Commissioner Schroeder moved to approve the October 11, 2012, minutes as presented. Commissioner Sturza seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Motion 4 (4/0/0): Commissioner Sturza moved to approve the October 25, 2012, minutes as presented. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Nelson said that Lisa and James Goad, owners of 342 SW Canyon Drive (“Roy Carpenter House”), have indicated they will submit an application. He has spoken with Eric Sande regarding 447 SW 6th Street (E. C. Parker Drug Store) and will be talking with Central Oregon Housing Authority about designation options for 403 SW 6th Street (Roberts & Lynch Store) and 421 SW 6th Street (Irvin Furniture Store). He requested a status report on 708 SW Deschutes Avenue (Medical Dental Building) and suggested other community groups get involved in protecting Peterson Rock Garden.

Commissioner Schroeder agreed to forward her notes and other information she has on 511 SW 12th Street to the property owner, Mary Bliven. The current condition of the rock structure in the Dry Canyon area, which is in poor condition, could be used to illustrate insulation values at the time it was built.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards reported that City Council will be conducting public hearings on the designation status of the following properties: 2036 NW Canal Boulevard (Frank Redmond Homestead), 145 SW 6th Street (George R. and Walter Hofstetter House), 111 NW 8th Street (John Roy Roberts House), 2087 SW Helmholtz Way (East Whited Farmstead), 135 SW 6th Street (J. Sidney and Lizzie Lloyd House), and 827 SW Deschutes Avenue (Jessie Hill School). A second mailing to property owners will go out next week. The return letter will include an opportunity for owners to indicate they have no interest in historic designation. Staff members have talked with several property owners who are considering designation, many of whom live out of town. Owners of 1332 SW Evergreen Avenue (George Brewster House/Garage) are uninterested in designating either resource. The City is seeking a contractor to replace the historic designation plaque on Mary Bliven’s property.

Ms. Richards said that she is finalizing a contract with Sally Donovan from Hood River, Oregon, to help the City move forward with establishing a Downtown Historic District. National Register listing can offer financial incentives to property owners. Deschutes County Historical Landmarks Commission received a grant from the Historic Preservation League of Oregon to look at a National Register nomination for Petersen Rock Garden, but that will not solve the owner’s cashflow and maintenance issues. She will follow up with Public Works on their efforts to repair and protect the rock structure in the Dry Canyon area. The Parks Commission installed a community garden near the rock structure in 2012, and is evaluating the best location for this amenity. Updating the Dry Canyon Master Plan in January 2013 should include dialogue about protecting the schoolhouse. The City has hired a new associate planner (Scott Woodford) to provide staff support to this Commission, starting in January 2013. The ice rink will re-open for the 2012-2013 winter season on November 16, 2012.

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., November 29, 2012.

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 10th day of January, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson
Jack Nelson
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director