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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES

November 30, 2017

Redmond City Hall, 411 SW 9th Street – Room 210, Redmond, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair Charles Rucker, Vice-Chair Trish Pinkerton, Tonia Cain, Shannon Farnsworth Rose (*absent: Leah Moon; 2 vacancies*)

Youth Ex Officio: Karla Mora

City Staff: Scott Woodford, *Senior Planner*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: None

Media: None

(Agenda items appear in the order discussed. The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of commissioners voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Rucker called the regular meeting of the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission (Landmarks Commission) to order at 4:32 p.m. with a quorum of commissioners (3 of 5) present. He announced Commissioner Pinkerton would arrive shortly after 5 p.m.

Vice-Chair Pinkerton arrived at 5:03 p.m. after approval of the minutes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **October 26, 2017**

Motion 1 (3/0/0): Commissioner Cain moved to approve the minutes of October 26, 2017, as presented. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Redmond Preservation Code Workshop

Mr. Woodford presented his staff report and the latest draft of the Preservation Code amendments. He reviewed elements of the Oregon Model Code and key questions for commissioners to consider.

Commissioners discussion points covered defining ordinary maintenance, which façade(s) should be protected (Page 3, #21), type of materials allowed for repairs if aesthetic value is maintained, if historic value can be maintained with nonhistoric materials, when economic hardship should be considered, review criteria (local landmark designation, alterations, demolition, removal of landmark status), how locally designated districts should be handled, timeframe for issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness, clarifying which issues can be decided by the Landmarks Commission alone and which require City Council approval, and level of HLC involvement in

relocation or demolition proposals for local landmarks or National Register-listed properties. Specific suggestions included:

- **8.0830 Definitions** – add SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office). Move “Minor Alteration” and “Major Alteration” here. Replace “tree lawn” with “planting strip” (No. 28, Streetscape).
- **Section 9** – Change Item B to read: “Before commencing inventory studies or updates, the Commission shall invite public participation and shall post its intent on the City website.”
- **Section 10** – Change Paragraph 1, Sentence 1, to read: “The Commission may designate historic resources to the Local Landmark Register as a means of providing recognition of their significance and providing incentive and guidelines for their preservation.”

B. May Preservation Month Planning

Chair Rucker postponed discussion due to lack of time.

C. HLC Website and Social Media Outreach

Chair Rucker suggested the Landmarks Commission commissioners spend \$100 to buy more Facebook “likes” to help promote historic preservation. Commissioners agreed to discuss this idea at the next meeting.

Commissioner Cain left the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Rucker provided an update on recent media attention regarding historic preservation. Two articles were recently published in The (Bend) Bulletin: (1) about the estimated \$5.5 million cost to rehabilitate the old gymnasium adjacent to the current City Hall (411 SW 9th Street) and (2) a proposal by Bill Schertzingler to construct housing on the site of the former city hall (716 SW Evergreen Avenue) with no protection for the front façade of the former Safeway building. He said Safeway used this architectural design for hundreds of other Safeway stores after Redmond’s.

Mr. Woodford reported e-mailing Chuck Arnold, staff liaison to the Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (DURAC), about proposed uses for the old city hall (Family Fun Center, housing). DURAC recently approved a 90-day extension to allow Mr. Schertzingler time to modify his proposal to meet DURAC criteria. Mr. Woodford said he would provide a copy of the DURAC structural analysis study regarding what was needed to renovate the old gymnasium.

Commissioner concerns included the accuracy of Mr. Schertzingler’s model, why the gymnasium was not included when the current City Hall building was designated a local landmark, why the Landmarks Commission wasn’t consulted about the historic nature of the gymnasium, and if commissioners could tour the gymnasium building. Commissioners decided to meet for lunch on December 14 to celebrate the City’s designation of a Downtown Redmond Historic District which will be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The location and time will be determined at a later time.

Ms. Mora confirmed the process needed to reapply for the Youth Ex Officio position; her term will expire on December 31, 2017.

STAFF COMMENTS

Upcoming event: April 11-13, 2018: Oregon Heritage Conference, Bend, Oregon

Next meeting: Thursday, December 20, 2017, 4:30 p.m.

