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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES

December 20, 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: Leaha Moon; 2 vacancies*)

Youth Ex Officio Absent: 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 4:30 p.m. with a quorum of commissioners (4 of 5) present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **November 30, 2017**

Chair Rucker requested correction of the next meeting day under STAFF COMMENTS from “Thursday” to “Wednesday.”

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve the minutes of November 30, 2017, as amended. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Local Landmark Designation

1. **John Tuck House:** Chair Rucker opened discussion on the request of Cara Frank and Nic Yopp, owners of the John Tuck House (255 SW 9th Street), for designation of their home as a Historic Building, Structure, Object, or Site on the Redmond Inventory of Historic Sites. The applicants purchased this house in 2016.

Mr. Woodford summarized the staff report including applicable criteria and rationale for local Landmark designation. The 1,069-square-foot house was built in 1925 and sits on a 0.12-acre lot. A one-car garage was removed years ago. The current owners recently built a new shed to replace one that was falling down. The house is considered a good example of a Craftsman Bungalow (source: Oregon Inventory of Historic Properties Historic Resource Survey Form records). The house has been identified as individually eligible for listing in the

National Register of Historic Places (source: Craftsman Bungalows of Redmond Survey accepted by the Oregon Historic Preservation Office). Significant architectural features are the front-facing gable roof with exposed rafter tails, drop shiplap siding, front porch, and double-hung one-over-one windows. Based on U.S. Census and old deed records, John Tuck, Redmond's second teacher, taught 42 students in all grades in the Old Oregon Hotel in 1906. He eventually became the grade school superintendent, a position held until he retired in 1940 at 77. Mr. Tuck's son, Arthur, represented the United States in the 1920 Summer Olympics in Belgium. Staff support for the applicants' request was based on the house's architectural significance and historic importance from its past use as a residence for an influential Redmond resident. He said the applicants, though notified of today's meeting, were unable to attend.

Commissioner discussion covered the background and architectural integrity of the John Tuck House, aesthetics maintained by the current owners, and that the shed's age disqualified it from consideration.

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Pinkerton moved that the Historic Landmarks Commission recommend that City Council approve Historic Landmark Building Designation for the John Tuck House only, not including the shed, at 255 SW 9th Street.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. May Preservation Month Planning

Commissioner Rose presented ideas she gleaned from other cities and the National Trust:

- Hunt 4 History Contest: match "then" and "now" photos of Redmond structures/sites – photo resources, Facebook query
- Contest: identify unknown subjects in old photos
- Heritage cooking – old family recipes, Powell Butte Garden Club
- Combine "Preservation Month" events with Mother's Day
- Host a talk about the princess
- Coloring book of Redmond resources
- Variety of indoor events through May, live event later when weather is better
- Support historic Buckaroo Breakfast
- Combine historic preservation events with other City efforts (walking, biking)
- Post results of all events on Facebook

Potential community partners and events included:

- Redmond Parks Department: Homestead Trail dedication, Centennial Park history walk
- Redmond Museum: new location
- Central Oregon Irrigation District: historic canals
- Diego's annual car show
- Grand opening of the new Redmond Downtown Historic District: walking tour

Other ideas discussed included impact of weather on event scheduling, indoor and outdoor locations, plaques for "contributing" buildings in the downtown historic district, and historic tourism. Commissioners suggested advertising the Redmond Downtown Historic District locally (City wayfinding signage system) and along US Highway 97.

Chair Rucker said he would contact the Redmond Chamber of Commerce this week to request assistance in getting signage along US 97.

B. Social Media Outreach

Commissioner ideas for promoting historic preservation in Redmond included scheduling regular Facebook postings (list of local landmarks with photos and histories, “Trivia Tuesday,” “Interesting Facts,” “You Know You’re From Redmond Oregon if,” other topics to be determined) and allocating \$100 for additional Facebook ads. Following discussion, commissioners agreed to postpone buying extra ads until they had sufficient content. Commissioners Pinkerton, Rose, and Rucker said they were currently sharing posting duties on the Landmarks Commission’s Facebook page. Commissioner Rose said the former “Friends of the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission” page was renamed to “Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission” (facebook.com/RedmondHLC).

Motion 3 (4/0/0): Commissioner Rucker moved that the Historic Landmarks Commission spend \$100 to advertise on Facebook. Commissioner Pinkerton seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C. Redmond Union High Gymnasium – Historic Status

Chair Rucker reported he and Commissioner Rose walked around outside the gymnasium following the December 13 work session. He requested a tour of the interior for commissioners.

Commissioners discussed getting a copy of the engineering report on the gymnasium, why glass blocks on the south side had been spray-painted a metallic silver, eligibility for tax credits, and the importance of raising awareness of the gymnasium as a historic building. Resources identified to determine the gymnasium’s status included records from Deschutes County Historic Landmarks Commission, Redmond Public Library, SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office), and Redmond School District.

Mr. Woodford said the City’s leadership team was expecting to start a public process in 2018 about re-use of the gymnasium. He noted Kerry Davis, a former City consultant, felt the gymnasium was eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. He’ll research county historic records to determine if the gymnasium was included in the local landmark designation of the school building (411 SW 9th Street, current city hall).

Safeway Building – Historic Status: Commissioners agreed the old Safeway building (716 SW Evergreen Avenue, former city hall) was in imminent danger due to a redevelopment proposal by Bill Schertzinger. Their concerns included the significance of its architectural style (prototype design), age (constructed in 1940?), Mr. Schertzinger’s proposed design (should be Art Deco or Streamline Moderne), Jon Fessler’s letter on Facebook regarding adaptive re-use of the old Safeway building, and the importance of preserving the façade.

Mr. Woodford stated DURAC (Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee) agreed with City Council to work with Mr. Schertzinger to bring his proposal into conformance with DURAC’s goals and principles. Commissioner Pinkerton said the DURAC’s main concern was a market study to show the need for the proposed residential units and letters of intent from investors.

Following discussion, commissioners asked Chair Rucker and Commissioner Rose to research the situation, draft a letter to DURAC with commissioner concerns about preserving this building, and request time on DURAC’s meeting agenda to make a presentation. Commissioners agreed to review the draft letter at their January 2018 meeting. Commissioners Cain, Pinkerton, and Rose said they would continue researching the prototype issue.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Rucker said he planned to attend the Redmond Chamber’s party on December 22, 2017.

