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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES

June 28, 2018

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 (*3 vacancies*)

Youth Ex Officio Absent: Karla Mora

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

Visitors: Marion Tripp

Media: None

(Agenda items appear in discussion order. 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 (HLC) to order at 4:34 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 2018, with a quorum of commissioners (4 of 4) present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Tripp said she was interested in what this committee did.

Chair Rucker said it was good to see her again after the Redmond “open streets” event. Mr. Woodford said applications were available if she wanted to become a commissioner.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **May 24, 2018**

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve the minutes of May 24, 2018, subject to staff correction of the last name of a visitor (Karen). Commissioner Rucker seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Historic Resources of Redmond Multiple Property Document (MPD)

Mr. Woodford reported requesting a cost estimate from Kerry Davis due to her experience with Redmond resources; the City will have to get three bids if the cost exceeds \$10,000. He will check with SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) to verify the City can use CLG (Certified Local Government) funds to cover project costs. SHPO prefers a new National Register Nomination be done in conjunction with the City’s MPD application. Three Redmond properties (New Redmond Hotel, old Presbyterian Church, Milton Odem House – are on the National Historic Register. He will research requirements and tax benefits of National Register listing. CLG grant projects must be done by August 30, 2019.

Following discussion about the importance of outreach to the community and educational advantages, Commissioners agreed by consensus to move forward with the MPD project and suggested staff contact other communities about their experience with MPDs. Chair Rucker recommended completing the historic code amendments before starting this project.

B. The DeMuro Award – Consider Nomination

Chair Rucker presented a handout about this award “honoring excellence in preservation, reuse, and community revitalization.” Award recipients will be notified by August 30 and awards presented at the Restoration Celebration in Portland on November 9, 2018. Case studies of award projects will be profiled on the Restore Oregon website and in other materials. Application fee: \$25. Submission deadline: June 29 (nomination form) or July 11 (announcement).

Following discussion about eligibility, evaluation criteria, submission process, and potential Redmond properties, Commissioners agreed by consensus this sounded like a “cool” project.

Chair Rucker volunteered to verify the submission deadline with Restore Oregon tonight and to contact the owner of The Vault Taphouse (formerly The Smokehouse Meat Market). Commissioner Rose said she would e-mail Roger Lee, owner of the Old Redmond Schoolhouse (now a home).

Chair Rucker asked commissioners to phone or e-mail additional ideas to Mr. Woodford.

C. Discuss Potential Summer Education Event

Chair Rucker discussed advantages to working with other community groups as Klamath Falls has done. He directed commissioners to e-mail or phone event ideas to Mr. Woodford.

Commissioner discussion about potential partners, events, and activities covered:

- Central Oregon Irrigation District (established 1918) – 100th Anniversary celebration
- Redmond Area Park and Recreation District – Executive Director Katie Hammer interested
- Redmond Parks Department – Homestead Trail project (contact Annie McVay)
- Window restoration workshop at Old Presbyterian Church (contact new owner)
- Promote new Redmond Downtown Historic District at other community events:
 - Music on the Green, Sam Johnson Park – 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, June 27-September 5
 - Bacon, Brew & Balloons Fest, Sam Johnson Park – July 28
 - Oregon Crafted Swine & Spirits BBQ Festival, American Legion Park – July 28-29
 - Drifters Car Club Harvest Run, Centennial Park – August 17-18 (HLC scavenger hunt, potential theme: History of Potatoes in Redmond, geo-cache, smart phone apps)

D. Cultural Resources

Mr. Woodford reported Planning Manager Deborah McMahon wanted to identify cultural resources in Redmond, primarily those of Native Americans.

Commissioners suggestions about Native American impacts included migration routes, camping areas, potato harvesting, and a juniper tree marking a popular meeting place. Additional ideas: women’s group of the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association in Prineville, potato festival, and the Whiskey Gulch Gang ‘62 Days event (celebrating impact of 1862 gold rush on John Day, Oregon). Following discussion, commissioners agreed the HLC role should be one of support not spearhead.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Rose asked if a hearing-impaired (American Sign Language) interpreter was available for a potential commissioner who would need this service. Commissioner Pinkerton said she discussed this issue with City Recorder Kelly Morse who is researching City budget capacity.

Old Evergreen Gymnasium: Commissioner Rose renewed her prior request for a tour of the old gym.

J. R. Roberts House: Commissioner Cain reported someone at the Redmond Street Festival expressed concern about the poor condition of this historic resource. Commissioner Rose said Jack Nelson’s daughters, who live in Portland, Oregon, had the house now and hadn’t decided what to do with it.

Historic Redmond Hotel: Chair Rucker shared comments from Joy Sears (SHPO) about the interior of the hotel and her preference for “repair” over “replace.” The developer’s preservation consultant is attempting to balance concerns of Restore Oregon, SHPO, and HLC. He discussed how upgrades needed in the plumbing and sprinkler systems, vinyl windows, storm windows, doors, and fire escape were impacting interior walls and ceilings. Mr. Woodford said the renovation project was on hold.

Old Presbyterian Church: Chair Rucker reported Joy Sears (SHPO) said this building was unlikely to qualify for grants or incentives due to the nature of the planned renovations. Mr. Woodford agreed, noting the owner was aware the renovations jeopardized the building’s ability to qualify for tax credits.

Patrick’s Professional Building: Vice-Chair Pinkerton said Lawnae Hunter had a “For Lease” sign in the building.

Railroad Depot: Commissioner Cain reported someone from the Redmond Streets Alive event said this building was moving again. Mr. Woodford denied that rumor.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Woodford invited commissioners to attend the Planning Commission hearing on Monday, July 16, 6:30 p.m., to support the proposed Historic Code amendments.

Next HLC meeting: Thursday, July 26, 2018, 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Rucker adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 26th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

/s/ Charles Rucker
Charles Rucker
Chair

/s/ Scott Woodford
Scott Woodford
Senior Planner