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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES

December 19, 2018

Redmond City Hall, 411 SW 9th Street – Room 200, Redmond, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair Charles Rucker, Vice-Chair Trish Pinkerton, Tonia Cain, Shannon Farnsworth Rose (**3 vacancies**)

Youth Ex Officio: **Vacant**

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

Visitors: Deborah Cook; Kara Roatch

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 to order at 4:32 p.m., Thursday, December 19, 2018, with a quorum of commissioners present (4 of 4).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes for November 29, 2018

Motion 1 (3/0/1): Commissioner Pinkerton moved to approve the minutes of November 29, 2018, as presented. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Pinkerton, Rose, and Rucker voting in favor, none opposed, and Cain abstaining.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Redmond MPD (Multiple Property Documentation) Form

Mr. Woodford provided an overview of work underway by the City's consultant. Ms. Davis has been surveying, researching, and writing background information on potential historic resources in Redmond. The MPDF, once approved, will facilitate property owners' ability to nominate structures to the National Register of Historic Places on an individual basis.

Mr. Woodford phoned Ms. Davis and left a voice message, inviting her to join the meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Woodford invited current and incoming commissioners and staff to introduce themselves.

Ms. Cook (incoming commissioner), a Redmond resident for 13 years, outlined her employment background (engineering, architecture, construction, property management). She was formerly a member of the Redmond Committee for Art in Public Places.

Ms. Roatch (incoming commissioner), a Redmond resident for 10 years, said she was the new Redmond Chamber of Commerce Events Director.

Chair Rucker said he originally joined this commission to work on a downtown commercial historic district.

Commissioner Cain said she was born and raised in Redmond and was a lifelong Central Oregon resident. Her dad was a brick mason.

Vice-Chair Pinkerton said she was a 41-year resident of Redmond and visited here when a child as her mother was born and raised here. She is now a City employee but previously worked for the *Redmond Spokesman* for 30 years. She co-authored a book on Redmond history – *Images of America: Redmond* (Arcadia Publishing, 2009) – with former Spokesman editor Leslie Pugmire Hole.

Commissioner Rose, a Central Oregon resident for 8 years, owned property in Redmond for 5 years before moving to Redmond a little over a year ago. The first old house she renovated in Redmond is now on the local landmark inventory and she is working to renovate a second one.

Mr. Woodford, a City employee, said he has been the staff liaison to this commission for about 5 years. He grew up in Colorado. He has enjoyed learning about Redmond and why it's important for a community to preserve its heritage. Orientation will be provided for incoming commissioners in January 2019.

Ms. Prow outlined her support role to the commission (minutes). She has been writing about historic preservation issues since 2006. The historic preservation philosophy is part of what makes a community look different from "everywhere USA." If you don't value what you had, you won't value anything else.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Redmond MPD (Multiple Property Documentation) Form

Mr. Woodford provided an overview of this project and the involvement of Kerry Davis, *Preservation Solutions, LLC* (City consultant). Ms. Davis was unavailable to join the meeting by phone.

B. Redmond Museum – Brainstorm Ways HLC Can Assist

Chair Rucker reported historic items formerly stored in the Redmond Museum were moved to the old Evergreen Gymnasium. He requested actionable (concise, achievable) ideas on how the Landmarks Commission could help the Greater Redmond Historical Society improve community awareness of its mission and efforts during May Historic Preservation Month in 2019.

Commissioner Cain, Greater Redmond Historical Society president, provided a brief update on storage of historic items from the Redmond Museum. One of the boxes is full of oral histories, donated by Curt Lance, recorded on a currently inaccessible medium (wire reels). There is a player but no information on how to operate it. She reported the Greater Redmond Historical Society has two openings on its board of directors. The board met last week and is looking quarterly projects.

Commissioner suggestions covered:

Projects

- Inventory historic items formerly stored in Redmond Museum. Identify physical location.
- Digitize oral histories. Excerpt information from oral histories related to small historic items.
- Establish an oral history "home" for file cabinets stored at Redmond Airport.
- Document all historic items formerly stored in the Redmond Museum.
- Create a strategic plan draft with short-term milestones.

Technology

- Research conversion of oral histories on outdated media to current technology.
- Provide online access to digital historic files and Museum status on a neutral party's website.
- Computerize historic item inventory (Past Perfect software).

Resources

- Invite Kelly Cannon Miller, executive director of Des Chutes Historical Museum, to attend the January 2019 meeting to talk about the Bend museum's heritage walk brochure and her process in digitizing old oral histories.
- *Outreach:* Klamath Falls Museum and Tanney Staffenson, Historic Redmond Depot owner.
- Ideas from the 2018 Oregon Heritage Conference.
- Invite Sarah Baylinson, Bowman Museum Collections Manager, to share her experience.

Funding/Fund-Raising

- Can CLG (Certified Local Government) grants be used to convert old technology? Mr. Woodford will check with SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office).
- Request donations from the community. Contact Heather Cassaro about a mailing list and bulk mail permit options.
- Sell unneeded items *after* full inventory is done.
- Explore partnership opportunities with Des Chutes Historical Museum, Deschutes Public Library System, City of Redmond, Leadership Redmond, Redmond Area Park and Recreation District, and Central Oregon Irrigation District (Homestead Canal Trail).

Historic Tourism

- Redmond Chamber is considering expanding the Visitors Center to include the Museum. The historic walking tour brochure continues to be popular, but visitors have expressed interest in viewing historic things in one place.

Mr. Woodford played part of a YouTube video on "wire recorder" technology.

Chair Rucker suggested continuing this discussion at the January 2019 meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Rucker announced the Historic Code amendments had been approved by City Council.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Woodford reported the appointment of three new commissioners: Deborah Cook and Kara Roatch (present) and Drew Roberts (not present).

Mr. Woodford said Heidi Kennedy posted a Story Map interactive exhibit about Bend's historic resources (local landmarks and/or National Register-listed properties) on the City of Bend website. Commissioners suggested listing Redmond's historic resources on the City's website. Mr. Woodford said he would contact the City's GIS (Geographical Information System) analyst for assistance.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 24, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Rucker adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 4th day of April, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/ Charles Rucker
Charles Rucker
Chair

/s/ Scott Woodford
Scott Woodford
Senior Planner