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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES

January 24, 2019

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

Commissioners Present: Chair Charles Rucker, Vice-Chair Trish Pinkerton, Tonia Cain, Deborah Cook, Kara Roatch, Drew Roberts, Shannon Farnsworth Rose

Youth Ex Officio: **Vacant**

City Staff: Scott Woodford, *Senior Planner*; Chuck Arnold, *Economic Development/Urban Renewal Project Manager*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Kerry Davis, *Preservation Solutions, LLC*; Rick Stilson, *SunWest Builders*

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 4:30 p.m., Thursday, January 24, 2019, with a quorum present (6 of 7 commissioners). Commissioner Roatch arrived at 4:32 p.m., prior to election of officers, making attendance unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ELECTION OF CHAIR and VICE-CHAIR

Commissioner Rose nominated Charles Rucker to serve as Chair for 2019. Commissioner Cain seconded the nomination. Commissioners voted unanimously (7/0/0) in favor of Commissioner Rucker.

Commissioner Rose nominated Trish Pinkerton to serve as Vice-Chair for 2019. Commissioner Cain seconded the nomination. Commissioners voted unanimously (7/0/0) in favor of Commissioner Pinkerton.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes
None.

B. Redmond Hotel – Review of Replacement Proposal for Fire Escapes, Sign, and Window Painting
Rick Stilson, Sun West Builders project manager for the Redmond Hotel, joined the meeting via phone at 4:35 p.m.

Mr. Woodford summarized the background of the hotel project. At their November 29, 2018, meeting, commissioners approved the applicant's (AWI Deschutes, LLC) proposal to remove the existing fire escapes (deemed unnecessary due to building and fire code changes) but had safety and aesthetic concerns about how the building would function and look without the fire escapes.

Included in the meeting packet were Attachment A (elevation of building facades that previously had fire escapes) and Attachment B (color photo of existing sign, window trim, awnings, and entrance canopy; proposed sign design and colors; color illustration of east building façade with proposed sign installed and exterior window trim colors). Applicant's proposal included adding a new railing (1/2" balusters in a black iron finish with a decorative element on top of the railing) to protect the landing and provide a finished look to the area, changing some of the white window trim to black, and using LED (light-emitting diode) and neon lighting to better align these aesthetic features with the hotel's branding.

Mr. Arnold provided an update on how the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Restore Oregon, and National Park Service viewed the proposed exterior façade changes. Mr. Stilson said he would confirm that SHPO was uninterested in exterior paint colors.

Commissioner discussion covered the importance of neon lighting on the sign, if black exterior trim paint would fade faster than white, lack of awning and entrance canopy details on Attachment A, need for interior signs informing hotel guests that doors to the former fire escapes are NOT exits, and colors of awnings and transom trim.

Motion 1 (7/0/0): Commissioner Pinkerton moved that the Historic Landmarks Commission approve the proposed railing as a replacement for the removed fire escapes, sign changes, and window trim painting as depicted in Attachments A and B of this staff report, pending State Historic Preservation Office approval. Commissioner Cain seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Redmond MPD (Multiple Property Document) Form Update with Kerry Davis, Preservation Solutions, LLC

Mr. Woodford reported speaking with Ms. Davis last week.

Ms. Davis, City historic preservation consultant, joined the meeting by phone at 5:01 p.m. She discussed how properties could be listed on the National Register, advantages to listing Redmond properties using the MPD, criteria for selecting MPD resources, and what constituted historic integrity. She reported her findings to SHPO last week and has requested boundary guidelines. A draft outline of the proposed MPD is due by March 31, 2019. She asked commissioners to help by identifying property owners interested in/supportive of individual National Register listings.

Commissioner concerns included impact of vinyl windows on historic integrity and if historic resources in an MPD had to be contiguous. Chair Rucker thanked Ms. Davis for attending today's meeting and for the information she provided.

Mr. Woodford said he would continue to provide Ms. Davis with copies of old property files.

C. 2019-20 Work Plan Discussion

Commissioners reviewed the 2018-2019 Work Plan in preparation for drafting the 2019-2020 Work Plan. Mr. Woodford provided updates on actions scheduled for completion by June 30. Chair Rucker directed this discussion continue at the February meeting.

B. Historic Preservation Month Planning

Chair Rucker announced Deschutes County's first planning meeting for May Historic Preservation Month events was scheduled for January 31 (see Upcoming Meetings below).

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cain reported speaking with Kelly Cannon-Miller, executive director of Des Chutes Historical Museum, last week about digitizing Redmond’s oral histories.

Chair Rucker said he would also speak with Ms. Cannon-Miller and would share the results of his discussion with staff and commissioners. He presented and reviewed his written list of ways the HLC might help promote the Greater Redmond Historical Society which manages City-owned historic resources. The majority of the collection has been moved temporarily to the old gym behind city hall. His discussion covered the Redmond Museum’s background and its need for a sustainable path to the future. He will provide an update at the February meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

Mr. Woodford requested rescheduling the February 28 meeting to February 21. Following discussion, commissioners agreed to the February 21 meeting date.

Upcoming meetings:

- January 28, 5:30 p.m. – training meeting, City Hall Rooms 207-208
- January 31, 12 noon – Deschutes County May Historic Preservation Month planning #1, Des Chutes Historical Museum, Bend
- February 7, 4:30 p.m. – HLC workshop on May Preservation Month planning
- February 13, 12 noon – Deschutes County May Historic Preservation Month planning #2, Des Chutes Historical Museum, Bend
- February 21, 4:30 p.m. – HLC regular meeting

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Rucker adjourned the meeting at 6:18 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