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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Minutes

Wednesday, September 14, 2011
City Hall Conference Room A, 716 SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Jack Nelson, Jane Schroeder, Phyllis Sturza, Jo Anne Sutherland, Mike Thompson

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Bob Riggs; Trish Pinkerton, *Redmond Spokesman*

(scribe CP's note: The minutes were created from an audio record and notes taken at the meeting. The three digits after the motion title shows the number of members voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nelson opened the meeting at 2:09 p.m. with all Commissioners present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

B. Redmond Schoolhouse – Discussion and Recommendations

Chair Nelson introduced Bob Riggs, current owner, and invited him to share his knowledge. RHLC members toured this building on September 8, 2011, in order to determine future plans for the building.

Mr. Riggs thanked Commissioners for considering preservation of this structure. He said that he has lived here since 1971. He bought this building for \$500 and moved it along with three additions to his property in the dry canyon. He discussed the building's history including structural updates he made, current condition, prior uses, and the building's historic significance. This is the only one remaining of four identical buildings that were constructed by the same builder. According to his research, the building was used as a schoolhouse for only one semester the year it was built.

Commissioners discussed advantages and disadvantages of *keeping the building in its current location versus moving it, City liability, damage potential if moved, significance in Redmond's history, access (trail, street, parking), zoning in the dry canyon area, funding (preservation vs. relocation), impact of the Oregon Special Assessment Program, appropriate uses (veterinary office, parking, café, meeting facility), vandalism, interpretive signage, and tree preservation on the current site (3 elm, 1 ash).*

Ms. Richards said that both City Council and the Greater Redmond Historical Society are interested in preserving one of the oldest structures still existing in Redmond. She briefly reviewed historic regulations.

By consensus, Commissioners requested that staff research grant funding opportunities and requirements, ask Don Stevens to conduct a structural feasibility study, estimate moving costs, research Deschutes County ownership records, and estimate costs to protect the structure from vandalism. Commissioners agreed to assess advantages and disadvantages of sites to which the schoolhouse might be moved and possible uses of this structure at other locations.

A. Swearing In of Commissioner

Chair Nelson administered the oath of office to Mike Thompson.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Pinkerton said that she found an October 1976 picture, showing the schoolhouse being moved as one piece on a flatbed truck. She has not found a story associated with the move, but will continue her research and try to take a digital photo of this picture for ease of review.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards promised to provide a copy of the oath of office to each Commissioner. She reported that a City Council liaison has not yet been appointed to the RHLC. The next RHLC meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., October 13, 2011.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (None)

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 13th day of October, 2011.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson
Jack Nelson
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director