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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Minutes

Thursday, November 10, 2011

City Hall Conference Room A, 716 SW Evergreen Avenue, Redmond, Oregon

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

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Chris Doty, *Public Works Director*; James Lewis, *Economic/Long-Range Planner*

Visitors: Shirlee Evans, *City Councilor*; Corey Clark, *Century 21*; 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 Commissioners voting in favor/against/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nelson opened the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m. with a quorum present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Old Redmond Schoolhouse – Update

Ms. Richards presented her staff report. This structure is listed in the Redmond comprehensive plan and posted on the State historic resources database as a "Site of Historical Interest." One of four buildings constructed on speculation during 1905-06, it was originally used as a schoolhouse for six months at a different location. It was moved to its current site (1429 West Antler Avenue) in the 1970s and used as a residence. Discussion is ongoing as to whether this building should be upgraded to a "Historical Landmark."

Mr. Doty discussed (via PowerPoint) the near-term utilization report on the North Central Dry Canyon Master Plan. Long-term uses being considered included improved access (roundabout), dog park, public restrooms, coffee shop, café, picnic pavilion, parking, community garden, and Frisbee disc golf course. He suggested asking the architects who reviewed Evergreen Elementary to review the schoolhouse property as to what should be preserved and what should be modernized, and to provide cost estimates for such work.

Mr. Clark explained his ideas for adaptive re-use of the schoolhouse to provide park amenities (coffee shop, patio with outside seating, Frisbee disc rental shop, restroom). This would increase community awareness of the historic value and enhance recreational use of the dry canyon area.

Commissioner concerns included *structural and façade integrity, regulatory restrictions on structural alteration, pedestrian and road access, relocation cost, public safety, City liability, appearance* (building orientation), *new foundation cost, potential uses* (visitor center, community meeting place), *economic viability, grant funding, when the Parks Commission would issue a*

Request for Proposal, timing of proposed infrastructure improvements, vandalism, and value of preserving the canyon in a less developed state.

Commissioners agreed **by consensus** to request that the City get a professional architectural assessment of the schoolhouse's historical and structural integrity, develop construction cost estimates, and research grant funding requirements.

Chair Nelson thanked Mr. Clark for his comments.

B. Redmond Development Commission Request for Feedback to Livability Recommendations

Ms. Richards said that the RDC was created to develop a strategic plan to create 10,000 new jobs in Redmond by 2030 and to specify the type of jobs desired.

Mr. Lewis presented the October 17, 2011, draft of the RDC Strategic Plan and summarized the work done by the RDC over the past two years. The overarching goal of the 20-year strategic plan is to make Redmond the first choice where people want to live, work, and play.

Commissioners generally agreed with the direction in which the RDC was proceeding.

Mr. Lewis asked Commissioners to e-mail additional comments to him.

C. Whited Farmstead – Landmark Designation Consideration

Carried over to December 8, 2011 meeting

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS (None)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (None)

ADJOURN

The next RHLC meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., December 1, 2011.

With no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at approximately 11 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 13th day of June, 2012.

ATTEST:

/s/ Jack Nelson
Jack Nelson
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director