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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Minutes

Thursday, December 8, 2011

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

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

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*

Visitors: Jenny McKenzie; 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. Commissioners introduced themselves and summarized their backgrounds.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Old Redmond Schoolhouse – Update

Ms. Richards summarized pros and cons of designating 1429 West Antler Avenue, listed as a "Site of Historical Interest" in the Redmond Comprehensive Plan, as a local historic landmark. Based on an architectural feasibility analysis, it would cost \$125,000 to preserve and adaptively re-use the structure in its current site or \$182,000 to move and renovate it in a different location. The architect doesn't believe this building could qualify for National Register status, which it would need in order for the City to apply for a Preserving Oregon grant (\$7,000-\$25,000).

Commissioner concerns included *funding, volunteer labor, timeline, access, vandalism, motivation for moving, criteria for re-use, long-term functionality and associated costs.*

Motion 1 (3/0/0): Vice Chair Sutherland moved that the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission recommend preserving the Old Redmond Schoolhouse, cost permitting, and utilizing the structure as a vendor site within the North Central Dry Canyon Interim Master Plan, and preserving the site as one of historical significance. Commissioner Sturza seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Whited Farmstead – Landmark Designation Consideration

Ms. Richards explained the landmark designation process, designation criteria, and how to fill out the Rating Sheet. Based on the Heritage Resources Redmond Intensive Level Survey he did in 2009, Michael Hall believed that the Kirk Whited Farmstead was eligible for local historic landmark designation and the National Register of Historic Places.

