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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Minutes

Tuesday, October 10, 2014

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

Commissioners Present: Chair Trish Pinkerton, David Adams, Leaha Moon, Jane Schroeder
(1 vacancy)

Youth Ex Officio: *William King* (absent)

City Staff: Heather Richards, *Community Development Director*; Chelsea Dickens, *Grant Coordinator*;
Scott Woodford, *Associate Planner*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

Visitors: Peter Gutowsky and Matt Martin, *Deschutes County Long-Range Planning*; Judy Fessler

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Pinkerton opened the meeting at 9:09 a.m. with all four Commissioners present.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

- A. Deschutes County Historical Landmarks Commission – Strategic Planning Efforts Presentation
Mr. Martin and Mr. Gutowsky summarized the county's progress in developing a historic preservation strategic plan for rural Deschutes County and the City of Sisters. This plan will prioritize preservation programs that build upon existing projects and promote collaboration. They discussed the purpose, background, strategic issues, charting a future, outreach strategies, resources, and timeline. Next steps included updating the county landmarks commission on November 3, drafting the plan, and presenting the plan to the county landmarks commission and Board of County Commissioners for approval. Mr. Martin discussed economic, environmental, and cultural benefits of historic preservation, stressing the need to encourage respect and appreciation for the past. He recommended open communications between the county and the City of Redmond: <http://www.deschutes.org/community-development/historic-landmarks.aspx> and access to an online survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/deschuteshistoric.

Mr. Gutowsky provided a copy of a PowerPoint presentation and summarized past collaborative efforts between the county and other local jurisdictions to protect (Petersen Rock Garden) and promote local resources and programs (annual Historic Preservation Month celebrations). He recommended encouraging organizations in reactionary mode to become more proactive,

Ms. Richards identified training needs, suggesting a regionwide conference (historic preservation objectives, museum, curatorship objectives, designation process, awareness-building, community connections). Additional ideas included collecting common stories (pre-settlement archeology, settlement efforts countywide), setting a countywide theme, cemeteries, Sisters (theme vs. historic integrity/resources), and inventorying century farms.

Commissioners discussed protecting Pioneer Cemetery in Terrebonne, century farms, ways to engage the public, multi-generational access, and developing a countywide calendar of historic preservation events.

Ms. Fessler said that preservation has historically been based on crisis situations. She pointed out that museums, cemeteries, and century farms were valuable sources of information and recommended inventorying people resources.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Commissioner Moon moved to approve the minutes of September 12, 2014. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Planning for 2015 Historic Preservation Month Event

Ms. Richards recommended working with the schools to get students involved. Colonial Williamsburg, which she visited this summer, has engaged children by combining electronic and physical information (participants get phone clues, travel to a physical site to learn about it, respond to the clue, and get a new clue after each correct answer). She reported the Redmond Chamber of Commerce had volunteered to create a mobile application for the Art Deco tour. She recommended inviting a Chamber representative to the December 2014 meeting. Her ideas for other tours included following Frank Redmond and his family, who were active in the community.

Following discussion of past events and potential themes, Commissioners agreed to do a game as a standalone event or part of a tour (walking, biking, nonmotorized vehicles). Commissioner Moon said she would contact her daughter's teacher regarding student involvement. Chair Pinkerton asked commissioners to bring ideas about Art Deco buildings (addresses) to visit, walking and biking routes, and themes to the December meeting.

Mr. Woodford suggested partnering with the City's Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) if walking or biking were part of the event.

Ms. Richards reminded commissioners about additional tasks in their 2014-2015 work plan including a grant-funded project that must be completed by June 30, 2015.

Commissioner Schroeder left at 10:07 a.m.

C. Discussion of Rating Sheets for Preservation of Historic Buildings/Sites for Redmond Train Depot
Mr. Woodford suggested including a Comments section on the form.

Ms. Richards explained how the Rating Sheet was intended to be used and the landmark designation process. Changing this form would require a code amendment. She recommended commissioners provide oral comments at meetings where Rating Sheets are discussed, which would include those comments in the record. The City has a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant and is working on two National Register district nominations.

Commissioners decided to attend their November training session before filling out a Rating Sheet on the Redmond Train Depot.

D. Evergreen Elementary School Rehabilitation Project

Ms. Richards said this site is being rehabilitated as the new City Hall/Civic Center. The City wants to do this project in a way that serves the public and celebrates the building's history and school-related activities. People attending the 50th reunion of Redmond Union High School went through the building this summer and want the \$375 they donated to the City used to memorialize

the school's history. *The Bulletin* is running a story on October 11, 2014, about Evergreen and the historic preservation effort behind it. Stories and memorabilia collected prior to the start of construction in May 2015 could be set up as a temporary display. She shared her experience of doing a Saturday public forum to collect memorabilia and oral histories. She recommended that commissioners strategically plan what they are going to do, how they are going to do it, and when (timeline). A Stakeholder Advisory Committee will be in place by January 2015.

Commissioner comments covered information resources (Redmond School District, Facebook site for Redmond Union High School, website for Evergreen alumni, yearbooks), video record of rehabilitation project, student participation, and integrity of exterior trim. Following discussion, Commissioners agreed they were interested in collecting oral histories and decided to schedule a work session on this project for October 24, 2014, 9 a.m., City Hall Room A.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Fessler said she and her husband recently moved to Redmond and were living in the McCaffrey house. She summarized her experience with restoring three historic houses and one commercial building. Jack Nelson, her neighbor, encouraged her to attend today's meeting. She submitted her application to join the commission to Ms. Richards.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards summarized the commissioner application process and said the City is recruiting another potential member. She offered to provide refreshments for the November 14 training. The City is working with the State Historic Preservation Office to find a consultant to complete the work needed on the CLG project before June 30, 2015. Upcoming training opportunities: November 11-14: National Trust Conference, Savannah, Georgia (CLG funds available), and November 14, 9 a.m.-12 noon: Landmarks Commission training.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Adams recapped his experience at the 2014 Bike Walk Roll event. Suggestions for improving the next event included earlier promotion, better advance communication/education with the schools (principals, other staff, on-duty police, students, parents), and expanding promotional outlets to include grocery stores.

Mr. Woodford recommended recruiting more volunteers for 2015 and noted that support from the individual schools was uneven.

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 14, 9 a.m.

With no further business, Chair Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 12th day of December, 2014.

ATTEST:

/s/ Trish Pinkerton
Trish Pinkerton
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director