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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Minutes

Tuesday, April 11, 2014

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

Commissioners Present: Chair Trish Pinkerton, David Adams, Jane Schroeder (absent: *Al Jamison*, 1 vacancy)

Youth Ex Officio: William King

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

Visitors: Ginny McPherson, *Council Liaison*

(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 three of four Commissioners present, establishing a quorum.

Councilor McPherson administered the oath of office to new Commissioner Adams.

Commissioner Adams shared his motivation for joining the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission. He summered here as a child and moved here two years ago. He is looking forward to learning more about Redmond's history as well as that of his family.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. May Historic Preservation Month Planning

Ms. Richards said two events are planned for this month: May 16 (Friday night stroll to showcase then-and-now photo displays downtown and then site these displays throughout the community the rest of May. She requested Commissioners' feedback on appropriate photos. She noted that Ms. Prow assisted in recruiting volunteers from local writing groups to create "stories" to accompany the photos. No volunteers came forward. She requested Commissioner input on who should prepare the storyboards and compile photos.

Commissioner discussion covered photo sources (City of Redmond, Deschutes County Historical Society, *The Redmond Spokesman*, *Redmond: Rose of the Desert*, Michael Houser), buildings to showcase, story-writing, and collecting stories from display visitors. Commissioners agreed by consensus to feature the following buildings/sites: Centennial Park, then/now City Hall, Lynch & Roberts Store, Patrick Building (old hospital), Redmond Chamber of Commerce (old Redmond library), Jessie Hill School (now Redmond Public Library), Odem and Mayfair Theaters, Piggly Wiggly Store, Central Oregon Co-Op Creamery, and the Redmond Hotel. Commissioner

Schroeder recommended adding captions to the photos of historic buildings displayed in Conference Room A that identify each location.

Chair Pinkerton volunteered to assist with story creation.

Commissioner Adams volunteered to help Mr. Woodford collect photo files and to talk to Kathy Clark about 6th Street streetscapes.

Councilor McPherson volunteered to e-mail Eric Sande at the Chamber of Commerce to request volunteers from Leadership Redmond to be present at display locations on May 16.

Ms. Richards volunteered City Communications Manager Heather Cassaro to assist with storyboard creation and directed Mr. Woodford to coordinate the project team. She asked Commissioners to help recruit volunteers to help with preparation or on the event day.

Commissioners agreed to meet on April 28 to review draft storyboards.

B. 2014-2015 Work Plan

Ms. Richards said the City received a \$12,000 Certified Local Government (CLG) grant. The funds will be used to complete a Reconnaissance Level Survey (RLS) of 70 properties in downtown Redmond and an Intensive Level Survey of 10 RLS properties. Additional uses for the CLG grant included staff and Commissioner training. The funds must be used by April 30, 2015.

She identified possible projects and the expected timeframes:

- * Establish a historic preservation plan (five-year strategic plan) and an action plan for implementation – 6 months
- * Designate a National Register Historic District – 12 to 18 months
- * Designate historic landmarks
- * Community education/awareness of historic preservation and Redmond's history

Much work has already been done for an Art Moderne (art deco) historic district, so SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) might approve the balance being done internally. The City would need to hire a consultant to create a National Register Historic District downtown and City staff would provide project management.

Commissioner concerns included the value of community awareness when trying to designate historic landmarks.

Ms. Richards said she would present a draft work plan at the May 9 meeting. She directed Mr. Woodford to start preparing a Request for Proposals for National Register Historic District work.

LIAISON COMMENTS (None)

CITIZEN COMMENTS (None)

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Richards announced a historic preservation conference in Albany, Oregon, April 23-25, 2014. Anyone interested in attending should coordinate with Administrative Assistant Jackie Abslag. Commissioners Adams and Chair Pinkerton said they were interested in attending.

Ms. Richards said she is reviewing Community Development staffing levels to fully support all Commissions. Council is working on the purchase-and-sale agreement with Roger Lee for the Old Redmond Schoolhouse relocation; Mr. Lee is hoping to have this done in May.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS (None)

ADJOURN

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014, 9 a.m.

With no further business, Chair Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Trish Pinkerton
Trish Pinkerton
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director