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## **REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION** **Minutes**

Tuesday, December 12, 2014

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

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Trish Pinkerton, Judy Fessler, Leaha Moon (absent: *Jane Schroeder*; 1 vacancy)

**Youth Ex Officio:** Vacant

**City Staff:** Scott Woodford, *Associate Planner*; Cameron Prow, *TYPE-Write II*

**Visitors:** Tonia Cain

*(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 9:05 a.m. with three of four Commissioners present, establishing a quorum.

Chair Pinkerton welcomed Ms. Cain who has applied to serve on the Landmarks Commission. She reported that David Adams resigned and that Commissioner Schroeder would become an "emeritus" (ex officio) member. She encouraged commissioners to help recruit new members.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Evergreen Elementary School Memorabilia Project**

- 1. Open House Debrief:** Members estimated most of the 15-20 people who attended the open house on December 10, 2014, signed in. Also present was Beau Eastes; a new reporter for *The Bulletin*. Hopefully, their enthusiasm will be contagious and lead to other contacts. Two people indicated interest in serving on the design task force. Donations received included paddles made for high school freshman initiations, annuals, bass fiddle, photo of 1938 football players, and a 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary coffee cup. Audio recordings were made of some alumni who attended the anniversary celebration, but no one knows where these are. Members discussed potential storage areas, display possibilities, who should be responsible for protecting donated materials, and conducting a monthly contest through the City newsletter to identify people in photos. Commissioner Fessler said she used this opportunity for commissioner recruiting.

Ms. Cain said the historical society had a collection of annuals.

- 2. Next Steps:** Mr. Woodford said the City has some high school annuals but is missing junior high and elementary annuals. Collecting stories should be an ongoing effort. Staff will request donations and information via the City newsletter and social media. The City

has hired a contractor and is working to get an architect on board by January/February 2015 so construction can start in October 2015.

B. Planning for 2015 Historic Preservation Month Event

Commissioners explored the feasibility of a bike tour combined with a scavenger hunt, combining recreation and history, as this year's event. Discussion covered the date (Saturday, May 16), tour route (length, starting/ending points, public restrooms), type (guided or self-guided), transportation modes (bike, car, van, scooters, pedestrians), tour themes (Art Deco, scavenger hunt), refreshments, maps (paper, electronic), information about buildings/sites, bike rental sources (Trinity Bikes, Hutch's Bicycles), potential partners (St. Charles, Redmond Chamber of Commerce, Redmond Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee), assuring a successful event, projects done by other communities, and budget.

Following discussion, Commissioners Pinkerton and Fessler agreed to work on tour routes and Commissioner Moon and Mr. Woodford agreed to work on sponsor contacts.

C. Rescheduling of State Historic Preservation Office Training in January 2015

Mr. Woodford said SHPO training will take place on January 30, 2015, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Commissioner Fessler suggested including a tour of the old Evergreen Elementary building for the SHPO staff as well as commissioners.

D. Approval of Minutes

**Motion 1** (2/0/1): Commissioner Moon moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2014. Commissioner Pinkerton seconded the motion which passed with Commissioners Moon and Pinkerton voting in favor and Fessler abstaining due to her not being a commissioner at the October 10 meeting.

**Motion 2** (3/0/0): Commissioner Fessler moved to approve the minutes of October 24 and November 7, 2014. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**LIAISON COMMENTS** (None)

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Cain asked about the possibility of museum space in the new City Hall (Evergreen Elementary) and suggested reusing the current City Hall building as a museum. The current City Hall building was a prototype for Safeway stores in the Northwest when it was built and should not be torn down. She identified two properties that were in her family at one time: her great-aunt's house at 5<sup>th</sup> Street/Antler Avenue and her great-grandfather's house on Antler (built before 1910). She reported that her great-grandfather was required to take over the Powell Butte mail route as a condition of the purchase.

Commissioner discussion covered the age of the current City Hall building and its extensions and whether it was protected from being demolished.

Mr. Woodford recommended that the museum submit a formal letter to Community Development Director Heather Richards, outlining its proposal.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Woodford thanked Ms. Cain for her volunteering to serve on the Landmarks Commission.

