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## **REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

### MINUTES

**July 10, 2015**

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

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Trish Pinkerton, Vice-Chair Judy Fessler, Tonia Cain, Leaha Moon  
(1 vacancy)

**Youth Ex Officio:** Vacant

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

**Visitors:** Charlie Rucker, *Redmond Chamber of Commerce*; Shannon Farnsworth Rose

**Media:** None

*(The 3-digit number after a motion title shows the number of commissioners voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Pinkerton opened the meeting at 9:04 a.m. with a quorum of commissioners (4 of 4) present.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ms. Rose expressed interest in becoming a commissioner and asked about residency requirements.

### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Approval of Minutes

**Motion 1** (4/0/0): Commissioner Cain moved to accept the minutes of June 12, 2015. Commissioner Fessler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Consideration of Landmark Designation Request – 349 SW 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Roy Holmes Residence

Mr. Woodford said Shannon and Diego Rose have applied for designation of their house at 349 SW 12<sup>th</sup> Street as a Historic Building on the Redmond Historic Landmarks Inventory. He presented his staff report and reviewed the designation process, eligibility criteria, and background. Per Michael Hall's 2009 report, the house "embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a Craftsman style bungalow. Integrity of Location, Design, Setting, Materials, Workmanship, Feeling and Association remain at a high level." Based on review of information available about the residence and a site visit, staff supports the applicants' request.

Ms. Rose discussed the results of her research into the history of this house. She has spoken by phone with Naomi Brown Mitchell (90-year-old niece of Roy Holmes' wife, Elsie) who still lives in Redmond. She learned that Ms. Mitchell and two cousins inherited the house when Elsie died in 1989 and subsequently sold it and that Mr. Holmes built a number of homes in this area. The house is part of Redmond's history and should be preserved. She agreed to share any information about this property she obtains from Ms. Mitchell. The house is currently rented. She and her husband intend to keep the house and not change it.

Commissioners discussed Redmond history related to this house, the Holmes family, the house's architecture, and its potential for national designation.

**Motion 2** (4/0/0): Commissioner Cain moved that the Historic Landmarks Commission recommend the City approve Historic Landmark Building Designation for the Robert Roy Holmes House located at 349 SW 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

C. Review of Draft Historic Preservation Plan

Chair Pinkerton requested commissioner feedback on the draft historic preservation plan prepared by Preservation Solutions LLC. Individual editorial changes should be e-mailed to Mr. Woodford after today's meeting. Substantive changes will need commission approval to be forwarded to the consultant, who needs to present the final plan by the end of July 2015.

Mr. Woodford summarized the process to date and assured commissioners they would have another chance to review this plan. He felt the plan needed more detail on Goals and Actions.

Ms. Richards said the City is interested in establishing a citywide nonprofit (Redmond Community Foundation) to help fund all City activities and projects. Many business leaders who would like to donate funds want to put them in one place where they can be leveraged effectively. The City is negotiating with the University of Oregon to have students in its MBA (Masters in Business Administration) program assist the City in this effort starting winter term 2016. This project is supported by City leadership, finance department, and legal counsel. She cautioned that complying with all federal requirements to establish the foundation would take at least 18 months. She provided a brief update on the status of consultant recommendations for actions that the City is already working on.

Commissioner concerns included the level of Council support (plan budget/funding), timeline for implementation (potential loss of old buildings before the plan is implemented), nonprofit foundation for the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission, resources for nonprofit information (City of Salem, Crook County), historic designation status of the old Redmond Union High School (local inventory, National Register potential), role of irrigation canals in Redmond's growth, general clarity (adding a glossary of acronyms, reducing number of acronyms), adding language about "ongoing programs" in this "five-year" plan, and adding a progress evaluation in Year 3.

Chair Pinkerton recommended that staff provide an update on commission achievements this year when presenting this preservation plan to City Council.

**Motion 3** (4/0/0): Commissioner Fessler moved to recommend adding Action 1.B.3 to evaluate and research sustainable funding for projects and including a survey of irrigation canals within the general City historic resources survey to the draft historic preservation plan. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**LIAISON COMMENTS**

None.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chair Pinkerton reported that City Council intended to proclaim July 15, 2015, as Jane Schroeder Day. She requested commissioners attend the July 14 Council meeting in support.

Chair Pinkerton announced Commissioner Moon's intention to nominate the Medical/Dental Patrick Building for Restore Oregon's list of Most Endangered Places for 2016. The owner has indicated he

wants to demolish the building because remodeling it would not be cost effective. Following discussion, Commissioners Moon and Fessler agreed to work together to explore resources available to protect this building from demolition. Ms. Richards noted that Restore Oregon covered the cost of National Register District nominations for both Petersen Rock Gardens and the Whited Farmstead, which were listed in prior years. Asbestos abatement would be required before the building could be demolished. She will reach out to the current owner regarding additional options he might want to consider.

Commissioner Fessler apologized for her failure to deliver to all commissioners a letter she wrote which contained her comments about the draft historic preservation plan. Mr. Woodford advised that communications between commissioners must be directed to staff for appropriate handling.

Commissioner Fessler requested that commissioners be kept updated about new uses for the World War II hangar at Redmond Municipal Airport. Mr. Woodford assured commissioners that the planner working on this project (Sean Cook) was aware of the historic landmark status of this facility.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Mr. Woodford introduced the marketing director for the Redmond Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Rucker reported the chamber received the final stock of the Heritage Walk brochure from the Redmond Museum and now has less than a one-year supply. Access to the source materials has been lost. The chamber is willing to update the copy but has no funds to cover printing or development of digital applications. He stated he could reproduce the text but needed better historic photographs.

Commissioner concerns included text changes needed including addition of a publishing date, historic photo resources, potential to combine the Heritage Walk and The Moderne Architectural Movement Redmond, Oregon Walking Tour brochures, promotional links (Travel Oregon application), printing options, potential ad revenue, and brochure update timeframe (fall 2015/winter 2016). Following discussion, commissioners agreed to update the text and photos and Mr. Rucker agreed to research/report preliminary production costs to commissioners at their September 2015 meeting.

Ms. Richards outlined benefits Redmond expects to receive from its participation in the University of Oregon's Sustainable Cities Initiative program during the 2015-2016 school year. Potential projects that could benefit from graduate student involvement included National Register nominations for a commercial historic district downtown and an Art Moderne district (multiple-property nomination).

Commissioner Fessler volunteered to contact business owners about potential National Register listing of their properties.

Ms. Richards said the City supported designating the railroad passenger depot it owns and another property owner is interested in designation of the railroad freight depot building she owns. Both buildings have been relocated from their original sites.

### Tentative agenda for August meeting:

- \* Update context statement on the MPDF (Multiple Properties Documentation Form) for Art Moderne property nominations.
- \* Historic preservation code review.
- \* Outreach process for contacting property owners about historic preservation listings.

### **ADJOURN**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 14, 2015, 9 a.m.

With no further business, Chair Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 11th day of September, 2015.

ATTEST:

/s/ Trish Pinkerton  
Trish Pinkerton  
Chair

/s/ Heather Richards  
Heather Richards  
Community Development Director