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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES

September 11, 2015

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

Commissioners Present: Chair Trish Pinkerton, Vice-Chair Judy Fessler, Tonia Cain, Leah Moon, Shannon Farnsworth Rose

Youth Ex Officio: Vacant

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

Visitors: None

Council Liaison: Vacant

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 9:05 a.m. with a quorum of commissioners (5 of 5) present. She welcomed new Commissioner Rose.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

Motion 1 (5/0/0): Commissioner Fessler moved to approve the minutes of July 10 and August 14, 2015. Commissioner Cain seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Landmark Discussion: 716 SW Evergreen Avenue

Staff presented current and historic photos and written documentation of the old Safeway Store. Mr. Woodford outlined the review process required to move forward with landmark designation. Does the current City Hall building have enough historic integrity to justify in-depth research and a staff report for consideration of landmark status?

Ms. Richards represented the interests of the property owner (City of Redmond). She reviewed potential impacts of local landmark designation and National Register listing and the building's history including its participation in the Multiple Property Listing nomination (denied) for The Modern Movement in Redmond, Oregon. The City will update the multiple-property context statement in fall 2015. In spring 2016, University of Oregon students will select five properties to nominate under that context statement. Included in her summary were façade changes made by

the City, local designation procedure, preservation options, and community resources for historic data and assistance.

Following discussion about the building's iconic appearance (front and subordinate facades), building's original structure and evolution (significance to Redmond), and preservation options, commissioners agreed by consensus to proceed with an in-depth analysis of the building at 716 SW Evergreen Avenue regarding its potential designation as a "historic landmark" or "site of historical significance."

Ms. Richards outlined next steps for the Landmarks Commission to take. She directed staff to collect and forward to commissioners all available information on this property along with a Ratings Sheet. She emphasized that findings must be empirical, not emotional.

C. Work Plan Review

Mr. Woodford provided updates on "Actions" in the adopted 2015-2016 Work Plan. The draft Historic Preservation Plan has been completed and accepted by the State Historic Preservation Office. He outlined the review process for the plan to be adopted by Council and implemented.

Commissioner concerns included updating the list of locally designated landmarks, reducing the public's negative perception of landmark designation (myths of historic preservation), potential theme for the May 2016 historic preservation event (architects/builders of Redmond structures), adding "Collection of personal histories and neighborhood stories by building/property" to Goal 2, and adding "Restore Oregon training" to Goal 3.

LIAISON COMMENTS

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. McMahan said City staff and the mayor presented information to the owner (Dr. Belza) on how to make the Patrick Building more viable and notified him of the need for better building security. She reported that Dr. Belza seemed receptive to preserving part or all of the building. She cautioned that any pro forma for must "pencil out." Commissioners discussed potential uses and demolition costs.

Mr. Woodford asked commissioners to e-mail ideas for upcoming agendas.

Upcoming meetings:

- * Friday, October 9, 2015, 9 a.m. – tentative agenda: update walking tour brochure, review/forward Historic Preservation Plan draft to Planning Commission and City Council, review context statement for the Art Moderne Historic District

- * November-January agendas: begin planning for May 2016 historic preservation event

ADJOURN

With no further business, Chair Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

APPROVED by Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 9th day of October, 2015.

ATTEST:

 /s/ Trish Pinkerton
Trish Pinkerton
Chair

 /s/ Heather Richards
Heather Richards
Community Development Director