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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

MINUTES

May 23, 2019

Redmond City Hall – Room 200, 411 SW 9th Street, Redmond, Oregon

Commissioners Present: Chair Charles Rucker, Vice-Chair Trish Pinkerton, Tonia Cain, Deborah Cook
(*absent: Drew Roberts, Shannon Farnsworth Rose; 1 vacancy*)

Youth Ex Officio: **Vacant**

City Staff: Scott Woodford, *Senior Planner*; John Roberts, *Deputy City Manager*; Cameron Prow,
TYPE-Write II

Visitors: Andrew Ebert; Kevin Wells, *Carlson Sign*; Matt Ullman

Media: None

(Agenda items appear in discussion order. The 3 digits after a motion title show the number of commissioners voting in favor/opposed/abstaining.)

CALL TO ORDER – INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Rucker called the regular meeting of the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission to order at 4:35 p.m., Thursday, May 23, 2019, with a quorum present (4 of 6 commissioners).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Ebert said he was a prospective buyer of a property on the historic landmarks list: 111 NW 8th Street. Could he and his wife add space to the back of this house and add storm windows?

Mr. Ullman asked if landmark status precluded subdividing a lot.

Mr. Woodford outlined the City's review process for historic properties.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes
None.

B. Redmond Hotel – Review Changes to the Exterior Sign

Mr. Woodford outlined the applicant's (AWI Deschutes, LLC) request to remove the Redmond Hotel sign and replace it with a new replica sign. Included in the meeting packet were color photos and an e-mail from Carlson Sign regarding the existing sign's condition. He summarized prior applicant requests for other exterior changes.

Mr. Wells discussed the existing sign's condition, identified parts that could be salvaged and re-used, and presented sample materials for new letters. He cautioned that cutting the old letters from the existing sign would not leave anything worth saving.

Commissioner concerns included saving letters from the existing sign, sign color, SHPO's (State Historic Preservation Office) opinion, sign size, and keeping the air space between the main sign

on top and the vacancy sign underneath.

Mr. Woodford said he had not received a written response from SHPO.

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Commissioner Pinkerton moved the Historic Landmarks Commission approve the request for a Certificate of Approval to replace the old Redmond Hotel sign, subject to the following conditions of approval: (1) The existing sign is preserved for possible future display or donated to the local museum or other entity, (2) pending approval of the State Historic Preservation Office and Restore Oregon, and (3) including a bird deterrent (angle/dome) along the top of the vacancy sign to preserve the gap between the top and bottom of the signs. Commissioner Cain seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Redmond Historic Resources of Redmond MPD Update

Mr. Woodford presented "Comments on draft MPD" from SHPO (Jason) and asked commissioners to review them outside this meeting and e-mail comments to him. He will forward comments from Kerry Davis (City historic preservation consultant) when he receives them.

B. History Walk Update

Mr. Woodford reminded commissioners of prior discussions about partnering with Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID) and other entities developing an interpretive walk about the importance of canals to Redmond.

Commissioner concerns included the potential route (start in Homestead Park), parking options, alternate transportation (bike, walk, roll), date (mid-to-late August), donations for a barbecue at the walk's end, if the barbeque could be used as a fund-raiser for the Redmond Museum, potential sponsors, and involving the business community.

Commissioners Cain, Cook, and Rucker volunteered to serve on a subcommittee for this project. Mr. Woodford said he would e-mail other commissioners about this project.

C. CLG Grant Update

Mr. Woodford discussed potential allocations for the remaining \$12,500 of Certified Local Government (CLG) grant funds. He reported meeting with City Communications Manager Heather Cassaro this morning; she will check with Budget Director Jason Neff and City Manager Keith Witcosky. Mr. Woodford outlined results of his research into what it might cost to develop a strategic plan for the Redmond Museum. He noted CLG funds have to be used in a way that helps support historic preservation in the community.

Commissioners provided feedback on the 2019 Oregon Heritage Conference.

Commissioners suggested ways to help the Redmond Museum move forward:

- Increase the value of Redmond Museum assets: weed out duplicates, add context.
- Inventory all Redmond Museum assets wherever stored and digitize for archival storage.
- Reluctant to spend big bucks on an assessment.
- Funds invested need to elevate awareness about the museum, leverage fund-raising from private sources, protect the collection going forward, and/or add context by collecting stories from people still living in Redmond.
- Use successful small events to attract an executive director.
- Hire someone who knows what they're doing, such as a tech-savvy collection manager capable of long-term planning.

