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REDMOND HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES

June 27, 2019

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

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

Youth Ex Officio: Vacant

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

Visitor: 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

Vice-Chair Pinkerton called the regular meeting of the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission to order at 4:38 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2019, with a quorum present (4 of 6 commissioners).

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. **April 4, 2019**

Motion 1 (4/0/0): Commissioner Cain moved to approve the minutes of April 4, 2019, as presented. Commissioner Cook seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. **April 22, 2019**

Motion 2 (4/0/0): Commissioner Cook moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2019, as presented. Commissioner Cain seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

B. Redmond Hotel – Review Additional Change to the Exterior Sign

Mr. Woodford presented the staff report and outlined the applicant's (AWI Deschutes, LLC) request for another Exterior Alteration to the New Redmond Hotel. The proposed sign changes were to replace the "No Vacancy" part of the replica sign with the company logo and use white letters on a solid-color (black or blue) background without a white border. SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) was not concerned about the latest design concept as long as the proposed changes complied with the Redmond Sign Code. Restore Oregon did not respond to staff's request for feedback. Subsequent to issuance of the staff report, staff revised its recommendation, finding the proposed sign changes did not conform to Guidelines 2 and 5 in Exhibit A – Staff Findings. He reviewed prior approvals by the Historic Landmarks Commission for this property. Commissioners

indicated at their last meeting they wanted to make sure the replica sign design was as close as possible to the original sign design.

Commissioner concerns included compliance of the proposed sign design with Guideline 6 (Exhibit A – Staff Findings), continuing use of neon for lettering, and sign size.

Mr. Ullman felt changing the color, removing the contrasting border, removing the “No Vacancy” sign, and branding (adding the company logo) changed the aesthetics of the historic sign. He also questioned the height of the bottom piece where the logo was proposed.

Motion 3 (4/0/0): Commissioner Pinkerton moved to deny the applicant’s request for additional changes to the exterior sign, affirm the May 23, 2019, decision, include the use of neon for all text on the sign, retain the “No Vacancy” sign, and confirm the new sign is the same size as the old sign. Commissioner Rose seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Redmond Historic Resources of Redmond MPD Update

Mr. Woodford reported Kerry Davis, historic preservation consultant, would be unable to finish the Multiple Property Documentation Form due to significant health issues. SHPO accepted Ms. Davis’s proposal about the items she could complete by the grant deadline: August 31, 2019. Items not completed would include individual property maps, overall survey-area maps, a second trip to Redmond to make a public presentation on the findings, and additional revisions of the MPDF. Both Ms. Davis and SHPO suggested consultants to help the City complete this project by the end of August. Mr. Woodford felt a more practical solution was to add Ms. Davis’s uncompleted items to the next part of this project: identifying one or more properties suitable for National Register nomination.

Commissioner concerns included extending the grant deadline, reallocating unused funds from this grant to other needs (review budget first), and the experience and availability of the consultant recommended by Ms. Davis. Following discussion, commissioners agreed by consensus to the items Ms. Davis felt she could complete by the grant deadline: revisions/writing the MPDF to reflect SHPO’s comments, Reconnaissance Level Survey (RLS) for approximately 25 newly documented residential properties, and database cleanup with attached updated photos for about 45 properties previously surveyed in the database.

Mr. Woodford said he would inform Ms. Davis and SHPO of the commissioners’ decision and ask SHPO if the grant deadline could be extended.

C. CLG Grant Update

Mr. Woodford reviewed allocations for funds received in this grant cycle: Kerry Davis/MPDF (\$10,000), window restoration workshop (\$1,000), strategic museum plan (\$8,000), and history walk event (\$4,000).

Commissioner suggestions on how to spend the remaining grant funds, if any, included the history walk event and digitizing oral histories.

Commissioner Cook requested a side-by-side breakdown of available funds and projected expenses. Mr. Woodford said he would check with (1) Kuri Gill at SHPO about how the remaining grant funds could be used and (2) Kelly Cannon-Miller for her ideas.

Commissioner Rose said she would send Mr. Woodford an online resource she found for digitizing oral histories. She and Mr. Woodford agreed to inspect the Redmond Museum's oral history recordings (wire, reel-to-reel) on June 28, 2019.

Mr. Ullman asked if the Historic Landmarks Commission had a multi-year strategic plan.

B. History Walk Update

Commissioner concerns included advertising: Veterans of Foreign Wars, historical societies, senior centers, and schools; date and time; donations; entertainment: interpretive talks, games, big dinner bell; frequency; marketing: interpretive signs, ads, "original homestead" poster, "history walk" banners; name of walk; parking, bike connections; photos: old canal equipment, other story points; picnic tables and chairs; public address system; public safety: street crossings; refreshments; route: start in Homestead Park, end at Larch Avenue; and potential partners: Central Oregon Irrigation District, City Communications Manager Heather Cassaro, City Public Works, performers ("talking tombstones), Redmond Area Park and Recreation District (Jessica Rowan), and the High Desert Museum. Commissioner Cook emphasized the importance of doing a quality event. Following discussion, commissioners agreed on who would take responsibility for which tasks.

Mr. Ullman offered event management ideas.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cook shared information about the Redmond Hotel's architectural style (Georgian) and kit houses.

Commissioner Pinkerton reported Redmond had at least one Tum-A-Lum kit home (Craftsman).

STAFF COMMENTS

Next HLC meeting: Thursday, July 25, 2019, 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

With no further business, Vice-Chair Pinkerton adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

APPROVED by the Redmond Historic Landmarks Commission and SIGNED by me this 25th day of July, 2019.

ATTEST:

/s/ Charles Rucker
Charles Rucker
Chair

/s/ Scott Woodford
Scott Woodford
Senior Planner