



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes Historic Review Board

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

Vice Chair Ferry called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: 4 - Board Member Grant Blythe (arrived late), Board Member Paul Edgar, Board Member Ray Stobie, and Board Member Sabrina Ferry

Absent: 1 - Board Member Jessica Belknap

Staffers: 3 - Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner, City Attorney Carrie Richter, and Community Development Director Aquilla Hurd-Ravich

2. Public Comment – *None.*

3. Public Hearing: **GLUA-22-00035: HR 22-00012 De-Designation of a Landmark located at 13889 Cleveland Ave (A.D. Hill House).**

Vice Chair Ferry opened the public hearing and read the hearing statement. She asked if any Board member had ex parte contacts, conflicts of interest, bias, or any other statements to declare including a visit to the site.

Board Members Stobie, Blythe, and Ferry had visited the site.

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner, presented the staff report. This was a request to de-designate a landmark located on Cleveland Avenue. The applicant had not submitted evidence to show that they were the property owner at the time of designation and opposed the designation in the record of the 1991 hearing. Therefore, the avenue for de-designation was to consider whether it satisfied the criteria in the code used to designate the structure. She gave a background on the A.D. Hill House and alterations that had been made, site location, natural resources on the property, site photos, and criteria for de-designation. Staff recommended denial of the request or encourage the applicant to request a reduction of the size of the landmark at a future hearing. The applicant had requested a continuance to the November meeting.

Diane Woitte, applicant, gave a background on her family and their time of stress when letters were sent regarding historic designation. She thought that was the

reason they did not respond. She then reviewed reasons why the house did not warrant the designation. It was not builder friendly, and she could no longer handle the financial burden of a property that required monumental care. She needed to be in the process of downsizing her holdings in preparation for her final years.

Sarah Radocchia, resident of Oregon City, was concerned about the history of the neighborhood being erased. She thought the motivation for the de-designation was to sell the property to develop. She did not want to lose a historic home or have higher density in this single-family neighborhood.

There was discussion regarding reducing the size of the landmark.

A motion was made by Board Member Blythe, seconded by Board Member Edgar, to continue the hearing for GLUA-22-00035: HR 22-00012 de-designation of a landmark located at 13889 Cleveland Ave (A.D. Hill House) to November 22, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 – Board Member Blythe, Board Member Edgar, Board Member Stobie, and Board Member Ferry

GLUA 22-00031: HR-22-00011 Resubmission for a full ADA Ramp Modification of HR 20-00001 -1020 5th Street

Vice Chair Ferry opened the public hearing and read the hearing statement. She asked if any Board member had ex parte contacts, conflicts of interest, bias, or any other statements to declare including a visit to the site.

All Board Members had visited the site.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner entered an email into the record from the applicant with additional information, which staff had not had time to review. She gave a background on the application and discussed the revised design, analysis of the alternatives to the ramp which was not yet complete, and applicant's request to continue the hearing.

John Gruszecki, representing the applicant, asked if there were any comments on the information submitted. The Board had only received the information minutes before the meeting and had not had a chance to look at it.

A motion was made by Board Member Ferry, seconded by Board Member Stobie, to continue GLUA 22-00031: HR-22-00011 resubmission for a full ADA ramp modification of HR 20-00001 -1020 5th Street to November 22, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 – Board Member Blythe, Board Member Edgar, Board Member Stobie, and Board Member Ferry

5. Other Business: Preservation Grant for Siding and Architectural Details Repair at the Joseph and Venna Locke House (810 JQ Adams)

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner said this was a second grant application for this project. Previously the Board had approved a grant for fascia boards for the roof. She described the grant application for siding and architectural details, project bids, grant funding, and conditions of approval.

Jacob Tenney, applicant, explained the remodeling that had been done by the previous owner and the exterior repairs that still needed to be done. The roof had been replaced, but now the siding needed to be done before they could paint. The project was currently in process due to the weather.

There was discussion regarding the amount of the grant. There was consensus to award \$550 to the project. The applicant was encouraged to reach out in May to see if there was any grant funding left and possibly receive a portion.

6. Communications

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner said Board Member Belknap moved and would no longer be on the Board. They were currently recruiting for her replacement.

7. Adjournment

Vice Chair Ferry adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.