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City of Oregon City

Meeting Minutes

Historic Review Board

Tuesday, May 26, 2015

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Metson called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

Present: 4 - Ken Basinger, Claire Met, Derek Metson and Jonathan Stone

Absent: 1- Robert Siewert

Staffers: 1- Christina Robertson-Gardiner

2. Elections

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Derek Metson was nominated for the chair position. The appointment was approved by unanimous voice vote.

There was discussion of nominating Jonathan Stone as vice chair. Claire Met nominated Robert Siewert for the vice-chair position. Robert Siewert was appointed as vice chair by unanimous voice vote.

3. Goals Discussion

The board discussed goals for the coming year and potential events for Heritage Month. Ms. Robertson-Gardner summarized input from Bob Siewert: Conduct a thorough review of HRB guidelines, informal meetings with the neighborhood associations for input issues, outreach to the school districts, possibly have a student representative on the board, and develop a better liaison with the Planning Commission on information overlaps.

The Certified Local Government Grants are reaching their conclusion from 2014-2015. Most of the money from these grants were spent on the Ermatinger House. The Board discussed ideas for projects for the 2016-2017 year. Claire Met suggested focusing on the Willamette Falls Legacy Project. The Board discussed the application for the Masonic Lodge to be listed in the National Register, but the owners did not wish to participate. The Board discussed submission for multiple properties in the downtown area. The Board considered notifying property owners at the time of sale for these properties regarding tax credits for listing in the National Register.

Oregon City GIS update project involving property surveys was discussed and the de-listing of historic properties that have been altered without maintaining the historic integrity.

The Board discussed removing certain properties that have been altered from the list of historic properties, which would require a hearing. These properties had been altered to a degree that they lost their historical integrity.

The Board discussed that local preservation stakeholder groups might be a good community roundtable opportunity as part of Heritage Month.

Ms. Robertson-Gardner discussed the education packets provided to new owners of historic homes. Ms. Robertson-Gardner discussed that the goal appears to generally favor community outreach.

Jonathan Stone left the meeting early. Before leaving, Mr. Stone discussed that he favored education and outreach goals generally before departing. Claire Met asked about Oregon Heritage All Star designations.

Ms. Robertson-Gardner asked about improvements for overlay codes. There was consensus to not approach revising the Historic Overlay Code. There was discussion of fence height requirements and potential confusion in the requirements about where and how high a fence may be constructed.

The Board discussed potentially altering the breezeway requirements and clarifying the detached building setbacks.

Ms. Robertson-Gardner discussed that the goals will be organized and presented at the July 26, 2016 for approval and any final amendments.

4. Communications

Ms. Robertson-Gardner described the details for an upcoming tour of the Blue Heron/Willamette Falls Legacy Project site attended by Governor Kate Brown.

5. Adjournment

Chair Metson adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.