



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes Historic Review Board

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

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

Present: 3 - Board Member Ray Stobie, Board Member Sabrina Ferry, and Board Member Grant Blythe

Absent: 2 - Board Member Carrie Crook and Board Member Paul Edgar

Staffers: 1 - Planner Kelly Reid

2. Public Comment – *None*

3. Public Hearing: **CONTINUANCE: GLUA-21-00015 and HR 21-00008: Historic Review for exterior alterations to a noncontributing home in the Canemah National Register District at 601 4th Avenue.**

Chair Blythe opened the public hearing and read the hearing statement. He asked if any Board member had ex parte contacts, conflicts of interest, bias, or any other statements to declare.

All board members had visited the site.

Kelly Reid, Planner, said the applicant had requested a continuance. Exterior alterations had been made to the home that were not consistent with the HRB policies.

There was discussion regarding the 120 day deadline.

Abigail Klun, applicant, explained she was requesting a continuance to have more time to revise the original application per staff's request for two additional items.

A motion was made by Board Member Stobie, seconded by Board Member Ferry, to continue the hearing for GLUA-21-00015/ HR 21-00008 to May 25, 2021. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 – Chair Blythe, Board Member Stobie, and Board Member Ferry

4. Other Business: Preservation Grant 21-02: Window Repair on the Francis C. Butler House at 924 4th Street

Ms. Reid summarized the grant request for repair of a wood window and shared photos of the window.

Janine Offutt, applicant, explained the condition of the window and the proposed repairs.

A motion was made by Chair Blythe, seconded by Board Member Stobie, to approve the grant request in the amount of \$150. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 – Chair Blythe, Board Member Ferry, and Board Member Stobie

Ruth McBride Powers Preservation Award

Ms. Reid said the Board annually nominated an individual or group for this award. She suggested Friends of the Ermatinger House for their role in virtual events and social media outreach while the house was closed due to Covid. Another suggestion was the volunteers from the Clackamas Historical Society for upkeep work on the Stevens Crawford House.

There was discussion regarding the suggestions.

There was consensus to nominate both groups for the award.

Compatible Change Project: Summary of Community Input

Ms. Reid gave a presentation on the Compatible Change Project and projects that should be reviewed by the HRB. She discussed the regulations in the Canemah and McLoughlin districts, current review thresholds, community engagement, what compatibility meant, alternative approaches for new construction, alternatives that were considered but rejected, evaluation criteria for the options, new construction review alternatives, open house results, how alternatives 3 and 4 were the preferred options, other comments on the new construction thresholds, and overview of major public improvements and examples. There was not much feedback on public improvements and her recommendation was for the HRB to make recommendations at a future Work Session and then get targeted input on the more specific questions they were asking the community.

There was consensus to have two Work Sessions, one in May on new construction thresholds and one in June on public improvements.

July 28, 2020 Draft Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Chair Blythe, seconded by Board Member Ferry, to approve the July 28, 2020 minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 – Chair Blythe, Board Member Ferry, and Board Member Stobie

5. Communications

Ms. Reid said May was Preservation Month. There was an art and poetry contest and a City Commission proclamation and presentation of the preservation awards next week in honor of the month.

There was discussion regarding how to better inform the public about the process for alterations.

6. Adjournment

Chair Blythe adjourned the meeting at 8:18 PM.