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Meeting Minutes Historic Review Board

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Call to Order

Chair McLoughlin called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.

2 Discussion Items:

Carnegie Library Expansion Update

Maureen Cole, Library Director, gave an update on the Carnegie Library expansion project. The bond for the expansion would be on the May ballot. She gave a history of the long process of trying to find a new library site, how expanding the Carnegie Library option was chosen, and that it was a ten million dollar project to add 15,000 square feet. She was currently in negotiation with the selected architect for the project. The project manager proposals were due on February 5. Over three million dollars had been saved, one million would come from the County, and the rest would be bonded. The bond would be repaid by the Library's annual income through the Library District and City. Ballot language would be taken to the City Commission for approval in February.

There was discussion regarding preserving the building as it was, other Carnegie library expansions in Oregon, reasons for expanding the site, and getting neighborhood support.

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Planner, suggested Ms. Cole come back to get preliminary design advice from the HRB.

2014 Historic Review Board Work Plan

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner stated this would be a review of the 2013 HRB Work Plan and recommendations for the 2014 Work Plan. Denyse McGriff had recommended requesting additional education for the HRB on creating the right findings at meetings and using CLG grant money on an education packet and mailing for historic district property owners.

Denyse McGriff, resident of Oregon City, said her idea was sending out a newsletter to the historic districts to remind them they were in a historic district and there were requirements for the district. The two neighborhood associations that had districts were McLoughlin and Canemah. There were issues with people following the design guidelines and it was important to get the information out as a reminder. Businesses also needed to be reminded of the Sign Code requirements that needed to be complied with. She also suggested Ms. Robertson-Gardiner come to a neighborhood association meeting to discuss historic preservation and pass out the mailer as well.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner recommended not using the CLG grant money, but to put it in the budget as an annual mailing. She then gave an update on the status of each

of the 2013 goals. She discussed possible projects for the upcoming CLG grant application.

Ms. McGriff suggested using some of the grant money to help businesses get into compliance with the new Sign Code regulations. Ms. Robertson-Gardiner was not sure if that would qualify, but it possibly could be done through the Community Development budget.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner asked if the Board had anymore goals to add.

Mr. Metson suggested combining Goals 1 and 5.

Chair McLoughlin thought there needed to be new construction incentives so they would be better designed to enhance the neighborhood.

There was discussion whether or not to apply for the CLG grant.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner would bring the goals back to the next HRB meeting.

3. Communications

There were no communications.

4. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were suggested.

5. Adjournment

Chair McLoughlin adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM.