



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes Historic Review Board

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. Convene Regular Meeting and Roll Call

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

Present: 4 - Board Member Robert Green, Board Member Tim Powell, Board Member Ray Stobie, and Board Member Sabrina Ferry

Absent: 1 - Board Member Paul Edgar

Staffers: 2 - Senior Planner Christina Robertson-Gardiner and Community Development Director Aquila Hurd-Ravich, Carrie Richter

2. Approval of Minutes

****Don't know if these were approved as the recording started later.**

3. Public Comment – *None.*

4. Public Hearings: **GLUA-23-00023/HR-23-00007 Installation of the Cayuse 5 Tribute Project on the McLoughlin Promenade, a designated historic structure. The City of Oregon City, in partnership with the Confederate Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), seek to honor the five Cayuse men who were unjustly taken into custody, charged, and hanged in Oregon City territory in 1850. The Tribute will be located in the existing public park adjacent to the McLoughlin Promenade.**

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Applicant said they did not know where the men who were known as the Cayuse Five were buried and it was an opportunity to educate citizens that this was an ongoing quest and to invite their support. She gave a background on the men and draft text of the tribute.

Dante Posadas, Right-of-Way and Construction Manager, discussed the utility infrastructure in this area and materials that were being proposed.

Christina Robertson-Gardiner, Senior Planner, said staff thought there was space to put in this tribute and it was compatible with the Promenade. They were working to address the arborist report, but any one tree was not significant in adversely affecting the resource. Staff had requested a continuance to September 26.

A motion was made by Board Member Powell, seconded by Board Member Green, to continue GLUA-23-00023/HR-23-00007 to September 26, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 – Board Member Powell, Board Member Green, Board Member Stobie, and Board Member Ferry

GLUA-23-00025/HR-23-00008 The Applicant is requesting to use a metal cable railing on a rear deck replacement, which cannot be approved on a staff level. Anne Park House- 1315 JQ Adams Street.

Chair Ferry opened the public hearing. 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 Member Powell said at the McLoughlin Neighborhood Association steering committee meeting this application was brought up as a land use action that would need to be reviewed.

Board Member Green took a photograph from the neighbor's yard and forwarded it to staff. He noted there was a six foot fence separating the property and because of the height of the deck you would see the rail from the neighboring property. From the sidewalk it could not be seen.

All Board members had visited the site.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner said this was a request to use a metal cable railing on a rear deck replacement. This was not a material allowed in the HRB policies. She discussed the subject site, HRB policy on porches and decks, balancing compatible design and being differentiated from the historic building, what the HRB would need to determine, options for the decision, nearby historic resources, photos of the house, deck site plan and proposal, and proposed materials. She also showed the photo taken by Board Member Green.

There was discussion regarding use of Timber Tech.

Kim Sparks, applicant, said none of the neighbors had an issue with the proposal. Cable was not an available resource when the house was built, but because of the aesthetics of it, they thought they could get the railing the cable would attach to in a gray color that would essentially disappear. It would not adversely affect the structure or aesthetics.

Board Member Powell asked if the applicant looked at other types of railings. Ms. Sparks said they had looked at different types and let the designer decide what would be the best size and type for the structure.

Board Member Powell thought to disappear from view, a thinner post would be better.

Chair Ferry asked about the shade of gray. Ms. Sparks said they would try to match the railings with the gray cable.

Board Member Stobie asked if she had reviewed the HRB policies. Ms. Sparks said

they did, but they wanted to move forward with this design.

Board Member Powell thought it looked too modern and suggested a smaller post. He thought the gray was a good color.

Board Member Green thought it would be screened from public view. The deck was not part of the original building and was removable.

Board Member Stobie did not think all the options had been looked at that would have complied with the policies. He was hesitant to set a precedent. He was in favor of continuing the hearing for the applicant to look at other options.

Chair Ferry thought it fit the style in the policies. She liked the gray color as well and she could not see it from the street. It did not affect any historic materials and was not permanent.

Board Member Green suggested another option, to use resin Timber Tech railing instead. Ms. Robertson-Gardiner clarified she had given the applicant that option, but they wanted to pursue the metal railing.

Ms. Sparks said it was something they could consider; however, they favored the cable design. She proposed a resin railing with cable balusters.

There was discussion regarding whether to continue the hearing for the applicant to come back with different designs.

A motion was made by Board Member Green, seconded by Board Member Stobie, to continue GLUA-23-00025/HR-23-00008 to September 26, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 – Board Member Powell, Board Member Green, Board Member Stobie, and Board Member Ferry

5. Other Business: 2023-2025 Biennium Work Plan- Initial Discussion

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner said at the July meeting the Board discussed the work plan and including previous goals the Board had. She reviewed the added items and asked for prioritization of the goals.

The Board reported on the recent day-long training they received and discussed priorities.

There was support for a Work Session on windows, outreach to new historic home owners and periodic outreach to all historic home owners, better coordination between the City departments and applicants in regard to conditions of approval, looking into a more formal check in mid-process of a historic project, coordinating with geologic hazard review and historic review when going through parallel processes and impact on design, and solar panel design. Windows, solar design, and Compatible Change project were the priorities.

Ms. Robertson-Gardiner would update the work plan and discuss with staff about level of effort and what could be achieved in the biennium. The work plan would be brought back in September.

6. Communications

7. Adjournment *None*

Chair Ferry adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.