

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION MINUTES

March 24, 2009

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Streets
The Dalles, OR 97058
Conducted in a handicap accessible room.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair McNary called the meeting to order at 4:01 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

Bob McNary
Dixie Parker
John Hashizume
Pat Smith

The following Commissioners were absent:

Eric Gleason

Staff present:

Councilor Carolyn Woods
Planning Tech. Denise Ball

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Associate Planner Hert asked that hearing HLC 115-09 be heard before HLC 114-09 to accommodate the applicant. Commissioner Parker moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner McNary moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2009. Commissioner Smith corrected the spelling on Obarr Bayley on page 4. Commissioner Parker moved to approve the minutes with the spelling correction and Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS –

1. Historic Landmarks Commission Application #115-09 of Sharon Walters This application is for a Historic Landmarks Commission hearing to remove the existing deteriorating wood fence and replace it with a new 3 ft high Cedar fence. Property is located at 415 W. 3rd St. and is further described as 1N 13E 4AA tax lot 2700. Property is zoned “CBC”- Central Business Commercial, Trevitt’s Historic District.

Vice Chair McNary read the rules for conducting a public hearing. There were no ex-parte contacts, bias, or conflicts of interest by the Commissioners. There were no challenges from the audience. Vice

Chair McNary opened the public hearing and asked for the Staff Report. Associate Planner Hert presented the Staff Report. She noted that guidelines for historic fencing are scarce. This fence is made of natural materials and Staff is recommending approval with conditions. She asked if there were any questions from the Commission.

PROPONENT: Sharon Walters, 415 W. 3rd St spoke in favor of the application. She said she has lived in the house since 1959 and showed the Commission pictures of the various fences she has installed over the years. There was no fence on the property when she moved in in 1959. The fence is necessary for her to keep her dogs safe.

OPPONENT: None

REBUTTAL: None

Vice Chair McNary closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

DELIBERATION:

Commissioner Parker moved to approve HLC 115-09 with conditions of approval and Commissioner Hashizume seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS –

2. Historic Landmarks Commission Application #114-09 of City of The Dalles: This application is for a Historic Landmarks Commission hearing to install a new ADA entrance on the west side of the building facing the existing employee parking lot. The current ADA entrance on E. 3rd Street will be replaced with Fire doors to match original elevation of City Hall. Property is located at 313 Court St. and is further described as 1N 13E 3BC tax lot 500. Property is zoned “CBC”- Downtown Commercial Historic District – Central Business Commercial.

Vice Chair McNary did not read the rules again as there were no new members of the audience. Associate Planner Hert presented the Staff Report. Hert explained that the remodel will move the ADA entrance to the west side of the building and the existing ADA entrance and hallway will be part of the remodeled Finance Dept. The south side elevation will have a third set of fire bay doors re-installed to match the two existing fire bay doors.

Hert noted that exterior vents may also be required for the new HVAC system. Hert asked that an additional condition approval be added to allow Staff to oversee the installation of those vents. Hert proposed language for condition of approval #6 – “Additional exterior vents associated with the HVAC equipment may be necessary on the north and south side of the building. Staff will ensure that the new vent location(s) and size(s) will be minimally visible and blend with the existing exterior of City Hall.”

Hert was the only proponent for the application. There were no opponents. Vice Chair McNary closed the public testimony portion of the hearing.

DELIBERATION:

Commissioner Smith moved to approve HLC 114-09 of The City of The Dalles with conditions of approval as amended by adding a new condition number 6. Commissioner Hashizume seconded the motion and it carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

RESOLUTIONS –

Commissioner Parker moved to adopt Resolution 109-09 approving HLC Application 114-09 with conditions of approval as amended by adding condition number six. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

Commissioner Smith moved to adopt Resolution 110-09 approving HLC Application 115-09 with conditions of approval. Commissioner Hashizume seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, Gleason absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT- Earline Wasser, 1017 Pomona St., praised the Commission on all the improvements and hard work that has taken place in the Pioneer Cemetery. She added that the proposed monument should be placed inside the fence for protection. Ms. Wasser introduced Renee Briggs, P.O. Box 304, Dallesport, Washington 98617 who is the new contact for the proposed cemetery monument. She is a member of The Gorge Genealogical Society and supports the Pioneer Cemetery preservation. Associate Planner Hert spoke for Staff and the Commission and thanked Earline Wasser for her persistence and efforts, which were instrumental in the budget increases for HLC and the attention and improvements that have taken place in the Pioneer Cemetery. Wasser received a round of applause.

GOAL SETTING – Short term goals were discussed first. All eleven goals from last year were kept for 2009. Hert said she would verify with Izetta Grossman the possibility of adding historic links to the City Webpage. Short term goal number 8 will now read “Create Historic Designs for Downtown to aid in historic background research, and support Main Street program.” Long term goals were discussed next. Goal number one from 2008 was removed and replace with “Completion of monument in Pioneer Cemetery. Goal number two now reads “Designate other qualified areas as national historic districts; specifically the East Gateway, The Dalles Bluff, 4th Street, and E. 8th Street. All other 2008 Long Term Goals remain the same for 2009.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS: There was a brief discussion regarding upcoming historic training in Portland. The Main Street program will have a class. Hert said she would check the budget to see if there are funds left.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Denise Ball, Planning Tech.



Eric Gleason, Chair
Historic Landmark Commission