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BENTON COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

**Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2019**

Room 205 Avery Building, 360 SW Avery Ave, Corvallis, OR 97333

A. Call to Order and Introductions.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. In attendance were Larry Landis, Chair, and Cody Hull. Scott McClure, Doug Eaton, Nancy Taniguchi, Patti Thrall and Tanya Freeman were absent. A quorum was not reached.

Inga Williams, Associate Planner, provided staff support for the meeting and was the Staff Recorder.

A member of the public was present: Liz Olmstead, City of Corvallis planner and City HRC liaison.

B. Approval of Minutes – continued to next meeting

C. Discussion about inclusion of City Commission in this upcoming Preservation Month

Liz Olmstead attended the meeting to discuss the City's inclusion in helping to organize and lead activities for Preservation Month. Replacing the Preservation Month banner was discussed. It was decided to focus on creating vibrant advertisement in the paper instead of replacing the banner. Scheduling a joint meeting with the City was discussed. It was decided to pick January 13 for the joint meeting so that it could be coordinated with the Preservation Works meeting. Ms. Williams indicated that pizza will be provided by the County.

D. Discussion of Roof Replacement for the Frantz-Dunn House

Ms. Williams relayed that she and Greg Verret, Community Development Director, had met with Shane Galloway, park ranger, and Laurie Starha, Parks Director, on Friday the 15th. The discussion involved the issue of the roof of the Frantz-Dunn House being replaced by architectural shingles without approval of the HRC. Ms. Starha indicated that she did not fully understand that the replacement of the shingles required a public hearing. It was agreed that the County would move ahead with the public hearing on this item even though the roof has already been replaced. This will allow both the members of the HRC and Parks Dept to place their comments and concerns on the record.

Chair Landis referred to the email from Comm. McClure that Ms. Williams had forwarded to all the members (see attached). He said that he fully agreed with the statement, and Comm. Hull indicated his agreement also.

E. Update on the CLG Workshop & would you attend a Saturday workshop?

Comm. Hull and Ms. Williams relayed information that they received at the CLG Workshop on November 14.

One of the topics on that day was about updating the survey guidelines. This item, if the redraft is complete, will most likely be presented at the 2020 Heritage Conference. It is mostly being redrafted in order to provide guidance to CLGs when they wish to go forward with a survey. Some of the guidance will be on how to select the appropriate level of survey, ensure focus on the goal, and how to be sure the approach will advance the goal.

Another topic was about demolitions and how the various communities dealt with them. At the workshop, neither Comm. Hull nor Ms. Williams were sure if the Benton HRC could deny a permit but Ms. Williams verified in the Code that the commission is able to do that.

Another topic was on resources that a community could look to for additional funding. Some of these are the Cultural Coalition, USDA, County economic development funds, Community Development Block Grants (only federal monetary source that can be used to match CLG funds), philanthropy/service clubs, University resources/grad students, RARE (intern) Program, Opportunity Zones, Heritage Allstar, New Market Tax Credits, and leverage federal project mitigation funds.

Another topic was the new model code. The important piece of information from that discussion was that updated State regulations prohibit a CLG from requiring review for alterations to a structure on the National Register. However, if the CLG is currently allowed to require this review per current Code language then they can continue to require that review for any structure placed on the National Register prior to 2017.

SHPO wants to know if you would be more likely to attend if there were another CLG workshop scheduled for a weekend.

F. Continuing discussion on Preservation Month activities – continued to next meeting

G. Continuing discussion of Willamette Grange

Comm. Hull said that he noticed they put up a sign and that it looks good and they have really made some progress with work parties. Chair Landis agreed.

Ms. Williams referred to the email from HistoriCorps that she sent out to the Commission members. From that email, it appears that it is possible that restoration of the grange could become a HistoriCorps project.

H. Items from the Public

None

I. Items from the Commissioners

Chair Landis reported on the Oregon Heritage Commission review of Heritage Fellow applications and Heritage Commission Grants.

Comm. Hull reported that he and Ms. Williams visited Vintage Window Restoration after the CLG meeting and received a tour of the facilities by Mr. Gustafson. It was pretty cool. Ms. Williams also finally gave Mr. Gustafson their 2019 Historic Preservation Award.

J. Other Business

Ms. Williams relayed that she had had a front counter meeting with a customer who said that she was involved with the Alsea Grange. Ms. Williams could not recall the name of this customer. Ms. Williams stated that the customer indicated that the grange may want to change the exterior of the grange as it is not visually appealing. Some discussion ensued between Chair Landis, Comm. Hull and Ms. Williams about how this could effect a National Register or local register nomination. One item of information that would need to be identified is if the current exterior is historically accurate.

Note: Subsequent to the meeting Ms. Williams received an email from this customer. Her name is Joni Olsen. Ms. Olsen requested notice of the next meeting so that she could get a better understanding of what it means to place a building on the Historic Registry.

K. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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Fri 11/15/2019 4:33 PM

 Scott McClure <scottmcc@peak.org>
Re: HRC Agenda and August Draft Minutes

To WILLIAMS Inga

 You forwarded this message on 11/15/2019 4:35 PM.

Hi all

I'm working on a small project in Portland and may have to miss the meeting on Monday.

I would like to register my disappointment about the process that resulted in using architectural shingles on the Franz-Dunn house instead of using 3-tab shingles as recommended by Dave Pinyerd, myself and others. I don't buy the argument that 3-tab shingles are unavailable or more expensive and would like some mention made in the minutes reflecting my (and maybe others?) feelings that we should not allow this particular instance to suggest or set a precedent for using architectural shingles on similar historic roofs in the future.

Thanks for your indulgence

Scott