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HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes Tuesday January 25, 2022

The meeting was held by GoToMeeting.

A. Call to Order/Introductions if necessary

The meeting began at 6:40 PM. In attendance were

Benton County HRC commissioners: Scott McClure (Chair), Cody Hull, Tanya Freeman, Jay Sexton, Paul Berg, and Nancy Taniguchi (Vice-Chair)

City of Corvallis HRC commissioners: Roz Keeney, Grace Dotson, Jim Ridlington

Benton County HRC Emeritus Members: Larry Landis, Doug Eaton

Benton County staff: Inga Williams, Associate Planner

Also in attendance: Mark van der Pol and Adrienne Fritz with Conundrum House, Rebecca Landis with PreservationWorks

Introductions made around the group.

B. Approval of December 15, 2021 Minutes

Commissioner Taniguchi moved approval of the minutes. Commissioner Freeman seconded. Unanimously approved.

C. Discussion about 2022 Historic Preservation Month

First off, everyone agreed on a theme. More than Ever – This Place Matter

By mutual and silent agreement, everyone moved forward with planning for in-person tours this year.

Larry Landis agreed to do the OSU Tour on Mother's Day, as usual. He would like to contact the engineer of the KOAC Transmitter again for some tours.

Doug Eaton agreed to give the South Central Park Walking Tour from the Art Center to Washington and back down.

Nancy Taniguchi would volunteer to work at the Independent School House playing the Parlor Games.

Larry will ask Mary Gallagher if she will do a downtown Corvallis tour.

Jay Sexton would like to have an open house tour at the Willamette Grange.

Mark and Adrienne – would like to relaunch season one of Spectres during the Heritage Conference and season two for May. Season two would start off at the Whiteside Theatre.

The members would like to have an Award Ceremony in an outside venue. Some possible locations are: No Nations restaurant, Peavey Arboretum, Willamette Park, Fort Hoskins (quite a ways out), Starker Arts Park (windy after 5), Adair Park, MLK Park, Fair grounds.



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Roz Keeney put forward the idea of a treasure hunt using pictures of historic buildings, and just highlighting a piece of those resources – something that isn't the most obvious piece that people always see. Needs to be artistic and has to be interesting and a close up. Can get prizes from local businesses to award.

She also would like to do the This Place Matters program. Do a call out to the public and would like them to participate in – a Facebook or an Instagram site where they can post their pictures. A media program where people are posting their own personal story about why the resource matters to them. Make up a sign that we would like to see and then people can make their own. We can make up anything. Mostly a placard and it needs to be standardized to some extent. Would want to add the webpage to the sign.

Is there some connection that we can make to the museum? If Mary would do a tour, she can start at the downtown museum. Can we get tickets to the museum as prizes? Larry and Cody will liaise with the director. For the Spectres, the new museum is chock full of old artifacts so something could manifest from those.

Re-enactors for Willamette Grange? – maybe hook up with the actors over at the Majestic, many of them are Live Action Role Players and they may be interested. Maybe showcase some old agricultural practices – there is a spinner in the area. Maybe re-enact the persona of the founder of the grange. Or a women's libber from the 19th century. Nancy offered to help Jay pull some ideas together.

Try to work with the Native American Longhouse on campus. Anything with Grande Ronde or Siletz tribes you have to coordinate about a year and one-half ahead of time.

D. Choose a member to be on an ad hoc committee – Scott McClure was nominated to the courthouse committee.

E. Strategy On A Page Session

Inga introduced the SOAP document. Nancy put forward a mission statement. "The Benton County Historic Resources Commission promotes the preservation of meaningful historic local sites and objects to enrich the present and enlighten the future." The key words here are "meaningful historic sites" – what is meaningful to you and why, "enrich" – make it have more value, have more connections, and "enlighten" – if you can remember the past maybe you won't repeat it.

The commissioners thought it was great. Jay put forward "inspire" instead of "enlighten" Scott made a suggestion for replacing "meaningful" but everyone else liked it. Tanya said it might take some of the sting out of what the commission does because people may think that just because it is old we want to preserve it and that is only part of the case. Paul agreed.

The commission went on to discuss goals and headings for the goals. Inga said she would fill in some of the information under the goals and send it out for review and further discussion.

F. Items from the Public – None

G. Items from the Commissioners – None

H. Items from Staff – Jason Allen wants to check in with the HRC about how the surveys are going. Need to add vote for Chair and Vice Chair to next agenda.

I. Adjournment Adjourned at 8:06