



HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 17, 2022

The meeting was held by GoToMeeting.

A. Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting began at 6:30 PM. In attendance were the following.

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

City of Corvallis HRC commissioners: Vice Chair Roz Keeney, Bruce Anderson

Benton County HRC Emeritus Members: Larry Landis

Benton County staff: Inga Williams, Associate Planner

Jessica Hougen – new executive director for the Benton County Historical Society,

Mark van der Pol and Adrienne Fritz with Conundrum House,

Autumn Peterson U of O historic preservation grad student, owner of Whiteside Farm, and possible intern

Introductions were made around the group.

B. Approval of January 25, 2022 Minutes

Commissioner Taniguchi moved approval, Commissioner Hull seconded. Unanimously approved.

C. Continuing discussion about 2022 Historic Preservation Month

Comm. Taniguchi relayed that she heard back from Katherine Harris of the Independent School House board and she said that they could have an open house on Saturday, May 14, from 10 to 1. Added to the list. Comm. Taniguchi will try to bring the Victorian Games from the Historical Society. The hosts like to talk to folks about the history of the school.

Ms. Williams stated that the following tours are set on the calendar: Tree Tour by Lyn Larson on the 2nd, South Central Tour by Doug Eaton on the 4th, OSU Tour by Larry Landis, on the 8th, Independence School on the 14th, Owens Farm Tour on the 21st, Awards Ceremony – evening of the 26th

Corvallis Comm. Keeney asked if we could entertain an inside venue for the ceremony. Ms. Williams stated that she looked into Walnut Barn at MLK Park, and the Adair Barracks. Jessica Hougen offered space in the new Corvallis Museum. She stated that she would check with the Board on the rental fee. It was unanimous to have the Ceremony at the museum. Jessica stated that she would check on it. Ms. Williams ask if anyone had a suggestion for speaker for the event. Larry Landis suggested Bill Robbins, Distinguished Professor of History at OSU, he is in the process of writing a history of Benton County



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and might be willing to do a presentation on his research. Everyone was in agreement that it would be very good if Larry could get him to present. In addition, a modest honorarium would be offered.

Courtney Cloyd will do the North Central Park Tour but would like suggestions for a good day and time. Need to set a day and time for Mary Gallagher's Downtown Tour. Comm. Taniguchi suggested a Courthouse Tour. Comm. McClure said he would contact Jill Van Buren about the tour.

Corvallis Comm. Keeney said she would like to add a tour of the Van Buren Bridge. Roz finished her video of the Bridge and would like to do a showing of that and then bring people to the bridge for a tour. Will try to do it at the Old World Deli or maybe the Majestic. She is going to talk to the Old World Deli and the PreservationWorks group to sponsor it. Will schedule that for the 22nd.

Mark and Adrienne stepped up with an update on Spectres. Five locations have been chosen. Will start at the Whiteside, then go to the new campus of the Benton County Museum or to Sackett Hall at OSU, and then Philomath Historical Museum, and then Union Hills Cemetery. Been given a green light to build a sponsorship program. Already have one sponsor. Adrienne asked for feedback on naming the different sponsorship levels. Some of the sponsors may get written into the script. Corvallis Comm. Anderson offered to volunteer and help in any way.

Confirmed date and time of Heritage Conference Spectres' panel – Thursday April 28. Comm. Sexton will be on the panel. Comm. Taniguchi will also be on the panel. Will be sharing Season 1 of Spectres with the Conference. Ms. Hougen asked to be contacted since two of her sites will be used in the new season. Adrienne asked if the museum could be used to hold an in person finale of the new season. Larry offered to supply information on Sackett Hall and the cemetery.

A suggestion was made to put a land acknowledgement somewhere regarding Native American ownership of this area. Discussion ensued around the topic of inviting some persons from the tribes to discuss Native American history in this area for next year.

Saturday the 28th was chosen for the Spectres' finale. It would be around 5 o'clock or 5:30. Ms. Hougen said she would check to see if they could host. As an aside, Ms. Hougen stated that it is the Benton County Historical Society and they operate the Philomath Museum and the Corvallis Museum.

Willamette Grange Historical Building Tours was set for the 7th from 10 to 2.

Courtney Cloyd's tour was set for the 15th.

Paul Berg will connect with Dan Brown to do the College Hill Tour.

Mary Gallagher would be asked to do her tour on the 25th.

KOAC tour would need to be on a weekday. Tour needs to be limited.

City Comm. Keeney asked to be able to do her tour on the 22nd or the 29th. Sunday is the best day, less traffic.

Architectural Treasure Hunt – the list of the resources are: the Whiteside, Union Cemetery, Philomath Historic Museum, OSU Sackett Hall, Van Buren Bridge, Soap Creek School Bell Tower, Funeral Home on



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5th St, College of Philomath, Willamette Grange, Courthouse, Bellfountain Church, Independent School, Hops Barn in North Albany, Harris Covered Bridge, KOAC building

Awards: PreservationWorks for saving the Henkle House, Sarah Johnson with the City will be looking into awards from the City

Spectres' release dates are May 7th, 14th, 21st, culminating on the 28th

D. Chair & Vice Chair Elections

Commissioner Freeman nominated Nancy Taniguchi for Chair, seconded by Commissioner Hull.

Commissioner Taniguchi nominated Jay Sexton for Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Freeman

The slate was unanimously approved.

E. Continuing discussion about Strategy On A Page

It was agreed to continue this discussion during the next meeting.

F. Items from the Public

None

G. Items from the Commissioners

Discussion ensued regarding commission appointments and when terms expire. Commissioner Sexton made the suggestion that we advertise for the open positions on all advertisement for Historic Preservation Month.

H. Items from Staff

Ms. Williams updated the commissioners that Autumn Peterson has requested to do an internship with the HRC. She is a member of the Timber Framers Guild.

Commission Adjourned at 8:30 PM