



**HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday March 27, 2024**

**4500 SW Research Way, Corvallis**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Kalapuya Building**

The meeting started 6:29 PM.

**Those present at the meeting included:**

HRC Commissioners: Nancy Taniguchi (Chair), Jay Sexton (Vice-Chair), Tanya Freeman, Bob Honneffer, Autumn Peterson. Mariapaola Riggio and Adrienne Fritze were excused.

Staff: Inga Williams, HRC liaison, Associate Planner Webster Slater, Solid Waste Program Coordinator Bailey Payne

Public: Sarah Johnson (City of Corvallis Senior Planner), Michelle Stores Corvallis HRC

**A. Welcome & Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves.

**B. Minutes Review and Approval – February 28**

Nancy Taniguchi asked for a correction to distinguish between the “Oregon Trail of Tears” and the Trail of Tears. Minutes passed with corrections.

**C. Discussion of 2024 Historic Preservation Month**

**a. Scheduling Updates**

- *Fort Hoskins chimney workshop (Inga/Carol)*

Inga Williams shared that the 4-hour event is being advertised on the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition’s calendar for April and that Carol has limited attendance to 8 people. They will be welcome to stay after the workshop and help if they wish.

- *Preservation Celebration ceremony location – LaSells Stewart Center (Sarah Johnson)*

Sarah Johnson spoke with the event coordinators for The LaSells Stewart Center at OSU, and it is available on May 30<sup>th</sup>. A slot between 4pm – 8pm was requested. She added that they can use Corvallis’ CLG grants for the venue fees, with additional summary fees for catering, which typically occurs in the arts installation lobby according to the event coordinator.

Sarah Johnson asked for clarification on the expected number of attendees and budget for catering. Using last year as a reference, Inga Williams said around 60 people attended and the city and county each spent \$200 on food. 75-100 people was settled on as a good estimate for expected attendance.



- *Trail of Tears presentation (Inga/Nolan)*

Inga Williams shared that May 19<sup>th</sup> works for Nolan. Some discussion between Inga and Sarah Johnson about venues. Inga Williams shared that the Philomath Museum can be rented but the available technology might not suffice. Sarah Johnson will also look for a facility with better technology at OSU.

Attendance: Sarah Johnson looked into contacting campus organizations (ASOSU and Native American Longhouse, etc). For capacity, it's agreed that similar events had more than 100 people attend.

Jay Sexton asked for useful ways to get information out on Campus and how students find out about stuff. Sarah Johnson answered that the Link Help Desk could be a good resource to start with and that she's been successful engaging the Honor's College in the past and by finding related affinity clubs.

- *Alive in the Margins and Applegate Trail Tour (Jema Patterson)*

Nancy Taniguchi asked if anyone has talked with Jema. Inga Williams shared tentative plans but nothing has been finalized for the tour on the 31<sup>st</sup>. She shared that Jema met with Natchee Barnd who it turns out did not author the pamphlet but that it was Janet Nishihara. Inga Williams says she's still not sure what tour Jema will do.

- *Crystal Lake Cemetery tour (Inga)*

Inga Williams shared that Judy is sick and expects to be better towards the end of May. Someone will need to contact her in the future to do the tour in June or July.

- *Campus Ministries tour (Carol)*

Inga Williams shared that Carol spoke with her neighbor who is a pastor at one of the churches and they agreed to help contact the other ministries.

- *Sororities/Fraternities Tour?*

It was confirmed that Carol is responsible for organizing for later in the summer.

- *Paddle Tour (Carol)*

It was confirmed that Carol is responsible for organizing.

- *OSU Untold Stories (Natchee/Inga)*

Inga Williams contacted Janet Nishihara who is willing to do a tour. Natchee was undecided and will be contacted again later.

- *Others*

- Inga Williams said she's still trying to get approval from the owners for the Kings Valley Cemetery tour.



- Doug Eaton's tour was moved to Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

- Doug Sackinger agreed to do the Atomic Ranch tour on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Inga Williams shared that Ross spoke with someone doing a thesis on an architect associated with the style and that the researcher may be interested in doing a tour.

Bob Honneffer shared that he previously was certified to inspect bomb shelters and wonders if there were any in Corvallis that can be toured. Tanya Freeman answered that Corvallis High School may have had one. Jay Sexton added that perhaps OSU would be another likely location. The old "practice" bunkers around Soap Creek Road/Tampico Road in Adair are also mentioned.

- Dan Brown and Lynn Larson still need to provide times for their tours.

- Doug Eaton will do a walking tour training but the date hasn't been confirmed.

- How to Research Your Historic Home: Camron Settlemeier is confirmed for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Inga Williams is trying to confirm if Mary Gallagher can participate as well. Nancy Taniguchi added that possibly Patty and Ross can assist as well. Sarah Johnson recommended George Rohrmann who owns several historic properties and has a lot of experience in research.

- Bailey Payne, Solid Waste Coordinator in Community Development introduced himself. He's interested in collaborating with the commission on deconstruction and reuse.

Inga Williams spoke with Bailey Payne previously about a deconstruction business Jessica Hougen's (sic) husband is planning to operate.

#### **b. Marketing – Adrienne**

- Sarah Johnson is planning to update Corvallis' Historic Preservation Month webpage in the coming weeks, which Inga Williams agreed is very much needed since the County's HRC webpage is not live.
- Discussion about awards: The HRC doesn't plan any awards this year, the City has received a nomination for the Sigma Nu House and a suggestion for the OSU CIC building but also wasn't planning on awards either.

Jay Sexton, Inga Williams, and Nancy Taniguchi confirm that no awards were given last year by the HRC but only acknowledgments.

#### **D. Review of Fort Hoskins Celebration**

- Inga Williams and Bob Honneffer are working with Jesse Ott, the new NAPE acting director. The Oregon Trail Lacemakers have not committed to participate but are interested. Confirmed participants include a fiddler, a chainsaw artist, a felter, and a woodworker. Inga Williams is still looking for a napper and has contacted the NW Pacific Nappers Association for assistance.



Albany Museum doesn't have any Fort Hoskins-specific items but they do have a cauldron. Corvallis Museum is going to set up inside the Commander's House and display items there.

Nanci Taniguchi and Autumn Peterson are acquainted with Will Forks (sic) who has an interest in lumberjack competitions. Autumn Peterson will be in touch with Will to see if he'd like to be involved.

Inga Williams has been trying to get in touch with Tony Park, a park ranger near Sweet Home and who knows a Kalapuya napper.

October 5<sup>th</sup> is the confirmed date for the celebration. A \$150 demonstrator fee is being offered.

#### **E. Mention of the Section 106 Review of Swick House**

- Historic resource that has never been protected by the City or County and is degraded. John (no last name provided) is the lead and is putting together a stakeholder list. Sarah Johnson shares that he contacted the City HRC as well and may be in the process of reaching out to other interested parties.
- Inga Williams was contacted at the beginning of March about whether the HRC would like to be party to the review and agreed but hasn't heard back.

Sarah Johnson provides an update on the City's involvement. She provided the contact information for various stakeholders (HRC members, Preservation Works, etc), assigned Matt Vogt (Associate Planner) as the lead, worked with Sherry Mischler (project coordinator, Benton County Courthouse project) to navigate through this.

On timing: 50-day waiting period in effect for demolition permit with the City, which precludes initiating excavation in the wetlands on the property. Can't begin excavation until the Swick House is removed.

Tanya Freeman asked if neighbors (McFaddens) would be interested in having the house moved onto their property. Sarah Johnson answered that they aren't interested. Tanya Freeman elaborated that there is some movement to try to get it moved elsewhere and is interested in if any publicly available contact information for the McFaddens is available. Sarah Johnson answered that there should be and will get in touch with Tanya Freeman about that.

Inga Williams contacted Scott Taylor with Sunnyside School for a cost estimate for moving it next to North Palestine Church.

#### **F. Review of the approved CLG grant**

- Total award this year is \$16,500.
- Less money will be spent on the Heritage Conference than budgeted (\$2,240 to spend elsewhere).



- Carol will take over the driving tour booklet revision and will provide an hourly rate (extra funds in budget now to compensate her for this).
- Nomination for the Plunkett House will also be removed: \$11,000 estimate for nomination report (\$2,000 to spend elsewhere). State didn't think it met the requirements to be put on the National Register.

Jay Sexton proposed to use funds from Plunkett House for the College of Philomath, instead. Inga Williams will update the budget to reallocate the funds. He added that the individual working on their report cost \$5,000.

Inga Williams shared that the Siletz Tribe has available funds that could be used as well. A large grant (\$50,000) and a smaller one. Work doesn't have to be for a structure on the National Register.

- Reminder to keep track of time for grant match.

#### **G. Items from the Public**

- Webster Slater introduces himself and shares that he is preparing to take over the role of HRC liaison, if it is vacant.

#### **H. Items from County Commissioner Liaison Nancy Wyse**

##### **I. Items from Staff**

- Inga Williams shared that Philomath fire department burned a historic building, that could have been repurposed.

- Autumn Peterson shared that she will be deconstruction a structure on 14<sup>th</sup> Street near her home. She's planning to save the glass and a door, but there aren't any other materials worth repurposing.

##### **J. Items from the HRC Commissioners**

- Bob Honneffer asked about the status of the Robin Hardware building. Nancy Taniguchi answered that it's going to be leased. Autumn Peterson shared that she only knows the current business is vacating and it will be rented. Tanya Freeman added that it may be on the City's list but isn't on the National Register.

##### **K. Adjournment 7:41 PM**

Next meeting April 24, 6:30 PM