



HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda Monday March 29, 2022

The meeting was held by GoToMeeting.

A. Call to Order/Introductions if necessary

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

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

Benton County HRC Emeritus Member: Doug Eaton

City of Corvallis HRC commissioners: Vice Chair Roz Keeney

Benton County staff: Inga Williams, Associate Planner

Public: Jessica Hougen –executive director for the Benton County Historical Society, Mark van der Pol and Adrienne Fritz with Conundrum House

B. Approval of February 17, 2022 Minutes

Comm. Sexton made a motion to approve the minutes. Comm. Berg seconded. The vote to approve was unanimous.

C. Continuing discussion about 2022 Historic Preservation Month

Adrienne updated the commissioners on the Spectres event. Adrienne said that her and Mark need to start interviewing for the background information. Season 1 is being refreshed. She said she would promote the game at an event at OSU. Also, sponsor packages will be sent out the next morning. Jessica mentioned that Mary Gallagher was leaving town for 3 weeks and Adrienne needed to get in contact with her before she leaves. Patti Larkin is someone that can help get items in the museum collection and Mark Tolonen.

Commissioner Sexton gave a cliff's notes version of the history of the College of Philomath. On the corner of 10th and Pioneer. It burned twice and them is collapsed while being built. The current building was built in 1908.

The commission discussed the scavenger hunt. Then they went over the schedule Hist Pres Mo.

Ms. Williams went through the Hist Pres Mo schedule. Stated that the Willing Workers club is willing to host an open house at the Palestine Church. Comm. Berg asked about the College Hill West Tour and Ms. Williams said she was waiting to hear back from Dan Brown.

Adrienne stated that there is a story on the Spectres coming out in The Advocate newspaper. Then she did a brief update on the Heritage Conference presentation that is being designed. The Spectres panel is the 28th from 3:15 to 4:30.



Roz asked about the Historic Preservation Month proclamation. Ms. Williams stated that she was just working on it and that she would email Sarah Johnson when she was done with it. Comm. Sexton agreed to read the proclamation to the Board of County Commissioners.

Doug Eaton said he talked to Christie Weigel at VisitCorvallis and she is willing to make more walking tours.

Ms. Williams stated that the “This Place Matters” campaign is probably not going to happen.

Roz Keeney mentioned that PreservationWORKS was meeting next week and they haven’t contributed to the program. Typically, they do something and Roz said she would see if they have an interest to add to the program.

D. Items from the Public

None

E. Items from the Commissioners

The County’s Natural Areas, Parks and Events Department requested a support letter for a grant they were applying for from the Historic Preservation Fund; Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Economic Development Initiatives (EDI). The purpose of the grant is for the seismic retrofit of the courthouse.

The commission discussed term expirations. A commissioner who joins in the middle of a term, the terms do not start until the first full term. Comm. Taniguchi is set to expire in 2024. She mentioned that Mark Forbes is perhaps interested in applying. He and his wife own the Mark Rickard house.

Commissioner Sexton mentioned that he might be elected as the state president of the Oregon grange. This will mean he will be busy three days a week and on the weekends. He hopes he will still have bandwidth to stay with the HRC.

Comm. McClure wrote a letter for the courthouse grant. Nancy is going to send it to everyone to review, then sign it and get it Lynne McKee with the Parks Department.

Comm. McClure said he went out to the Hoskins Farm with Autumn Peterson to look at the barn. It is in bad shape. Autumn was trying to work out a deal to see if she can salvage the material. The south side of the house looks a little worse for wear but the family is still living in it.

F. Items from Staff

Ms. Williams mentioned the historic resources surveys and asked the members to send in their lists. The purpose of the resource survey is to update the state lists.

She also mentioned the project to create a historic material recycling center.

No April meeting

G. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30.