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Benton County Historic Resources Commission

Meeting Minutes Monday, April 19, 2021

The meeting was held remotely through GoToMeeting.

A. Call to Order and Introductions.

The meeting began at 6:30 pm.

In attendance were: Scott McClure (Chair), Nancy Taniguchi (Vice-Chair), Larry Landis, Cody Hull, Tanya Freeman, David Mayfield, and Jay Sexton

Guest: Doug Eaton

Benton County staff: Inga Williams, Associate Planner.

All of the commissioners introduced themselves to the newest member of the commission, David Mayfield. Doug Eaton gave a farewell speech.

B. Approval of March 15, 2021 Minutes

Commissioner Sexton made a correction to the minutes. He wished to replace the third paragraph of Section C. Comm. Landis made a motion to approve the March 15th minutes with the correction, seconded by Comm. Taniguchi, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Public Hearing on the Caleb Davis home – LU-21-001

The applicant did not join the meeting so the commissioners agreed that the hearing would be delayed till the next month. Motion to delay the public hearing until May 17, 2021 was moved by Comm. Taniguchi, seconded by Comm. Freeman. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Report by Conundrum House Subcommittee

A brief description of the game was given for the benefit of Comm. Mayfield.

Comm. Landis asked about the building at OSU that was being targeted. Ms. Williams and Comm. Sexton seemed to think it was the library. Comm. Landis stated the majority library was not a historic building.

Discussion occurred about the various methods of advertising the game. Comm. Sexton had sent the postcard to the Sustainability Coalition. Ms. Williams had sent the information out in the National Association of Preservation Commissioners list serve and the one for Oregon SHPO. It was also sent to Visit Corvallis. Comm. Taniguchi sent it to the Corvallis Folklore Society.

Adrienne, Mark and Kim used the resources of the Historical Museum and browsed through the Historical Society photos.

E. Items from the Public

None.

F. Items from the Commissioners

Comm. Landis mentioned that the Historical Society catalogue will be going on line in the next month. It will make doing research from home much easier. He is volunteering there and helping with the catalogue.

Comm. McClure mentioned that the court system might be running out of space at the courthouse. The county clerks will be moving over to the new building at the Sunset Research Park and the DA's office will occupy the space that they vacate. May be floating a new bond measure –and one of the proposals is to move the court system out of the courthouse. It is not a bad time to think about what would happen to the courthouse if it was no longer being used for the courts. Part of the bond is for the seismic retrofit. Comm. Mayfield expressed that he would be worried if there were not trials held there because the chances of the interior being preserved plummet.

Comm. Sexton updated the commissioners on the portico renovation for the Willamette Grange.

G. Other Business

Ms. Williams updated the commissioners on the Van Buren Bridge project with Roz Keeney. She explained that she had taken video of Roz Keeney and an engineer discussing the bridge. The next part of the project involves two actors and Roz was still working on the script.

H. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.