



## **HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION**

### **Meeting Minutes Wednesday June 28, 2023**

**Meeting started at 6:30  
460 SW Madison Ave, Suite 12, 2nd Floor, Corvallis**

#### **A. Call to Order**

Present were commission members Nancy Taniguchi, Bob Honneffer, Adrienne Fritze, Tanya Freeman, Autumn Peterson

Present from the public were Jesse Ott, Deputy Parks Director, and Carol Chin.

#### **B. Recap of Historic Preservation Month –**

It was agreed that we probably did not need an open house at the Independent School again. Also, more coordination was needed, and specific outreach, for Comm. Riggio's demonstration which would probably not be done again until 2025. Comm. Fritze stated that she also reserved the Footwise window for 2025, and if there is a cancellation in 2024 we could have it then also. Comm. Honneffer asked if the planning meetings to organize Hist Pres Mo could be reduced, or the time used more efficiently, so that the commission did not spend 4 months of meetings just on the one topic. This was expressed in reference to the Strategy on a Page which indicated many tasks that the HRC wanted to accomplish outside of Hist Pres Mo. It was generally agreed that Hist Pres Mo went very well. The best attended tour was Mary Gallagher's downtown tour.

Comm. Fritze outlined some plans for next year regarding the historic curriculum for children she and Mark Van Der Pol plan to create with the existing Spectres seasons. It was agreed that the theme for next year would be around trails.

Jesse Ott has contacted the reenactors for Fort Hoskins next year. He (with them) will pick a date for next May.

#### **C. Review of County-owned historic resources –** Jesse Ott gave a brief description of the problems with owning the historic homes listed below. There has been no formal visioning for uses for these structures and funding to maintain is scarce. The HRC was asked if they would help envision uses for the structures, which would lead to a plan, which could lead to funding opportunities. The members were enthusiastic and began immediately listing things that the structures could be used for, especially the Commander's House and the Frantz-Dunn House.

- Plunkett House –local register
  - Needs work; mold, bad roof.
  - Comm. Peterson said that she would try to get the Director of Forestry at OSU interested in Beazell.
  - Carol Chin volunteered to put the Plunkett House on the National Register if that would be a positive move.



- Palestine Church – National Register
  - possible wedding venue. Add an arch or walkway to possible reception area nearby.
  - Acoustics should be good. Make a video?
- Commander's House - National Register
  - have a camp-out (contact Dan Coyle), possibly with school groups. Maybe a ghost hunt? (Consult Adrienne.)
  - Adrienne may develop a curriculum package. Upcoming target group -- school kids, plus teachers, family and community members.
  - We could also take educational advantage of the nearby Pioneer Cemetery. Possible living history venue? Use the foundation of the school to interest school groups. A latrine tour?? OSU students -- could do a dig, write curriculum
  - A camas roast
  - Astronomy camp out
- Frantz-Dunn – local register
  - The listing for Fort Hoskins could be amended to include the Frantz-Dunn House.
  - Rent it out?

Maybe have a King's Valley Day to incorporate all three venues.

Have a mystery fundraising tour. Could it be crowdfunded?

Ms. Williams stated that she would convene a meeting just to proceed with this project.

#### **D. Strategy on a Page Finalization and discussion of use**

It was agreed to put this discussion off to a future meeting.

#### **E. How to utilize the rest of the grant funds**

Jesse Ott and Carol Chin indicated that the Commander's House at Fort Hoskins would need an engineering study because the house is settling around the chimney. The study would need to identify how to shore up the building. They requested the remainder of the CLG funds as a partial contribution to paying for the engineering study. Comm. Sexton made the motion to grant approximately \$1,250 to the project. Comm. Fritze seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

#### **F. Update of Driving Tour**

Ms. Williams updated the commissioners on the project being undertaken by the county's Public Information Office to update the driving tour pamphlet. Ms. Williams indicated that she thought a digital tour was being discussed but that it appears an updated version of the booklet is what will be created. She hoped that some more in-depth information about the resources will be made available digitally through the use of QR codes. She asked the commissioners to look through the pamphlet and make suggestions. Caroline Chin indicated that she and B.A. Beierle were the two people who put the original tour together.

Comm. Honneffer stated that all of the National Register structures should be part of the tour guide - discuss the Missoula Floods.



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**G. Items from the Public**

Carol Chin indicated she would like to lead a Willamette River tour for the 2024 Hist Pres Mo season.

**H. Items from the Commissioners** None

**I. Items from Staff** None

**J. Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM

Next meeting July 26, 6:30 PM