



HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 30, 2023

460 SW Madison Ave, Suite 12, 2nd Floor, Corvallis

Meeting called to order 6:33 PM.

Commission Members Present

Nancy Taniguchi, Chair; Tanya Freeman; Adrienne Fritze; Jay Sexton, Vice-Chair

Staff

Inga Williams, Planner; Jesse Ott, Deputy Director Natural Areas, Parks & Events

Public

Carol Chin

A. Engagement Plan

Communication (and Marketing) plan.

Comm. Taniguchi started with a review of the outreach items discussed at last month's meeting and if there was an update. Inga and Comm. Fritze made mention of the National Association of Planning Commissions Virtual Summer Short Course conference they took last Wednesday and Thursday. A session of the conference discussed the need for more historic trades training. Comm. Fritze suggested that we focus on this as an outreach tool and then we would have a three-legged stool with HistPresMo, the Fort Hoskins festival, and the trades training.

Motion made by Comm. Freeman, seconded by Comm. Sexton: Move that the HRC focus on May's Historic Preservation Month activities, the festival at Fort Hoskins and a historic preservation and restoration education/trades training program. **Motion carried.**

B. Commander's House and Swick House

Jesse discussed the Commander's House. Engineer Bill Barlow came out and did a structural assessment of the Commander's House. There is some settling of the house. The structure isn't shifting as bad as thought however the chimney appears to be falling apart underneath. Jesse is going to use hydraulics to stabilize the chimney until it can be fixed. Park's staff are repainting the Commander's house and Plunkett house. Carol suggested that staff use a conditioner before applying the primer which makes the paint last longer.

Carol talked with Sarah Johnson, planner with the City of Corvallis, about the process to list the Swick House on the city's local register. Sarah said she had to find out what the process is and would get back to Carol.

Motion made by Comm. Fritze and seconded by Comm. Sexton: Contact Gary Stockhoff with a request for the HRC commissioners to view the Swick House with the intent to assess it for possible reuse. **Motion carried.**



C. Grants

- Oregon Heritage Grant

Inga presented the outline of the grant to the commissioners, which grants funds for historic education. In partnership with Jesse, the concept is to create an education outreach project around Ft. Hoskins. This would be in the form of a weekend festival, to take place at a time other than May.

Items to be requested as part of the grant include interpretive signage, the fall festival, and making the Fort Hoskins painting into a puzzle as a fund raiser. Ideas that were expressed by the commissioners are: 1) include the Tar Weed school and teachers from Linn-Benton Community College to get exhibitors out to the site for blacksmithing, weaving, etc., 2) ask Shane James, SHPO colleague, to come and speak and be present for questions, 3) get hold of the box full of Ft. Hoskins information that the state or OSU have.

The fall festival idea includes: organizing an open house of century farms and historic resources in the Kings Valley, invite the Tribes to represent their culture, a scavenger hunt, music. The suggestion was also made to contact some descendants of Sarepta and Nahum King and have them present the history of their family at the cemetery or elsewhere.

Also, the repair of the chimney could be made into an educational event for local contractors and other interested in learning masonry.

Jesse indicated that they get a lot of pass-by visitors from the coast, so it is important to remember to advertise for the festival in at least the Newport paper.

- Preservation Funding from the National Trust for Historic Preservation
This is the same grant that the HRC used to fund Spectres this year. The thought is to apply for this funding as support for Conundrum House to use to create the Spectres education program. This fund's maximum is \$5,000.

D. Items from the Public None

E. Items from Staff

- Website – Inga took a short training on the new website but has not yet gone in and tried to create new HRC pages.
- Driving Tour guide – Inga is working on revisions. She has only done the north tour so far. Out of 25 resources she looked at to include into the tour, 11 have been destroyed.
- Contacts list – Nancy indicated that she went in and made a few additions.

F. Items from the Commissioners

Comm. Sexton updated the commissioners on the progress being made at the Willamette Grange.

G. Adjournment at 8:05.