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**MINUTES
CITY OF THE DALLES
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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CONDUCTED IN A HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE MEETING ROOM

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

4:00 PM

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner McNary at 4:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Sandra Bisset, Dennis Davis, Robert McNary

Commissioners Absent: Eric Gleason, Doug Leash

Others Present: Ft. Dalles Museum Representative Heather Kirby

Others Absent: City Councilor Tim McGlothlin

Staff Present: Senior Planner Dawn Hert

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner McNary led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Bisset moved to approve the agenda as written, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes – December 28, 2016

Representative Kirby stated she was not in attendance for the December 28, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Bisset stated “Caroline” was referenced incorrectly in Item 10 of Short Term Goals. The minutes should reflect Carolyn Purcell, Director, Columbia Gorge Discovery Center. Bisset also stated Item 12, “Walking Tour” is slated for completion in 2018, not 2017.

Commissioner Bisset moved to approve the minutes as corrected; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Public Comments

Carolyn Wood
1709 Liberty Way
The Dalles, OR 97058

Ms. Wood spoke of Wadena, Minnesota, a city on the National Register of Historic Places. In the downtown area, historic buildings feature a plaque with the building address and list of all businesses through the years operating from that location. She provided a picture of a plaque, Exhibit I.

Ms. Wood stated the Wasco County Pioneer Association and the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) had brass plaques throughout the area. In 2016, these plaques were photographed and compiled, along with additional information and unique items from Wasco County, into notebooks. GPS locations are not included in the collection.

Discussion covered the intrinsic value of historic buildings and the need to preserve those buildings.

VII. Pioneer Cemetery Discussion

Senior Planner Hert stated large brush piles remain at Pioneer Cemetery. Currently, no formal agreement is in place regarding the maintenance; Hert stated a Memorandum of Understanding may be required. If City Maintenance or the Armory volunteers are unable to remove the brush, funds are available to have the brush cleared.

Hert stated that she had talked with Sally Donovan's widower Bruce Howard about the possibility of additional work at the cemetery and other historic research projects. Bruce said that he would be interested in any additional restoration work for the cemetery, but said that he was not qualified for historic research. Bruce mentioned that Sally's niece, Adrienne Donovan, was a historic preservationist graduate from the University of Oregon's Master's Program and would be the signing associate for repair/workshop grants that require a higher level of professionalism.

Commissioner McNary asked about a website for the Pioneer Cemetery. Planner Hert said that may be a suitable grant proposal for the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries (OCHC). Hert said she has been working with Assistant to the City Manager Matthew Klebes on future grant opportunities and projects. Projects may include expansion of the historic district and an interactive map for Pioneer Cemetery.

Commissioner Bisset stated the interactive map would tie in with the Cemetery Book prepared by Earline Wasser. The book requires reorganization and expansion, preferably by an individual familiar with genealogy research. Hert suggested the Commission look at that project for a Certified Local Government grant. Bisset stated the information should be compiled online, rather than in book form, so that searches would provide the location of the grave along with related information.

VIII. Staff/Commissioner Comments

Representative Kirby said the Fort Dalles Museum is now open and looks great. Exhibits have been replaced, refreshed and rearranged.

Commissioner Bisset stated the Discovery Center Library has received a new research material. This year is also the 20th anniversary of the Discovery Center. Bisset further stated the Original Wasco County Courthouse is now open for the season.

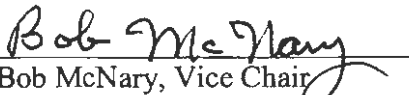
In response to Commissioner McNary's inquiry, Planner Hert stated that Rock Fort ownership is in the process of being moved to The Dalles. The existing maintenance plan will be required to be followed. At this time, the Historic Landmarks Commission has not been given the responsibility to maintain the Rock Fort. Commissioner McNary felt the HLC should have that responsibility, which would also provide an opportunity to expand on the story. Commissioner Davis stated the ships offer tours to Rock Fort led by a historian; these tours have been popular with tourists.

IX. Next Meeting Date – April 26, 2017

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m. by Commissioner McNary.

Respectfully Submitted
Paula Webb, Planning Secretary


Bob McNary, Vice Chair
Historic Landmark Commission

