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MINUTES

**DESCHUTES COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
SISTERS CITY HALL
520 E. CASCADE AVENUE, SISTERS
AUGUST 3, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Christine Horting-Jones called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Historic Landmark Commissioners (HLC) present were Sharon Leighty, Dennis Schmidling, Christine Horting-Jones, Broc Stenman and Rachel Stemach (Ex-officio). Matt Martin, Associate Planner, Peter Gutowsky, Planning Manager, and Patrick Davenport, City of Sisters Community Development Director.

II. MINUTES

Commissioner Leighty motioned to accept the May 4, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Stenman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nunzie Gould asked about research regarding formation of a historic district for cumulative value of structures, even if the structures have been moved from their original location. This would apply to the original United States Forest Service Ranger Station buildings in Sisters. Commissioner Leighty asked if Nunzie had researched other such designations throughout the state. Nunzie responded with comments pertaining to a building in Lake County, similar to the one she owns in Sisters, that is on the National Register of Historic Places.

IV. CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT UPDATE

Matt Martin provided an update on current and future Certified Local Government (CLG) expenditures and projects. At the time of the quarterly report in June, expenditures were at approximately 20% of the overall budget. Expenses include staff travel costs to the National Main Street Conference in Atlanta, the Oregon Heritage Conference in Coos Bay, and Historic Preservation Month activities. Specific Historic Preservation Month activities were highlighted. Future projects noted were the completion of an archive scanning

project in coordination with the Deschutes Historical Society. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the grant cycle in August 2016. Commissioner Stenman suggested getting publicity to the project. Matt also mentioned that the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) reached out to see if there was interest in having staff present on the historic preservation strategic plan at the Forum 2016 conference. Commissioner Schmidling asked how scanned documents will be accessed and Matt indicated they will be accessible via the County DIAL program.

V. PILOT BUTTE CANAL HISTORIC DISTRICT/NATIONAL REGISTER DECISION

Matt Martin provided an update on the nomination of a segment of the Pilot Butte Canal for the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination was returned to the state by the National Park Service for correction and additional information. Additional information in support as well as an objection was also submitted into the record regarding ownership and resource conservation. The timeline for response from the nominating parties is unknown.

VI. REDMOND AND BEND CLG PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Matt Martin provided an update on various historic preservation related projects in the area.

City of Bend: Busy with permitting and development activity primarily in the designated historic districts; There is also an internal effort to establish a new historic district on the west side of Bend in the area of Galveston and Newport Avenues; Exploring a micro-grant program for renovation projects; Working to provide content to add to the County historic landmarks on-line story map.

City of Redmond: Developing a historic preservation strategic plan; Completion of a reconnaissance level survey has been completed identifying approximately 70 potential historic resources and completion of an intensive survey of 10 resources; Exploring establishing a new historic district in the general vicinity of north downtown; Considering submitted requests for designation of Roy Holmes' home, the Redmond passenger depot, and the Redmond freight depot as historic resources.

Brock acknowledged the value of these updates and looks forward to it continuing at future meetings.

VII. REVIEW OF 50+ YEAR OLD STRUCTURES WITHIN CITY OF SISTERS

Patrick Davenport provided a power point presentation on an inventory of 50+ year old structures (169 records) in Sisters with discussion including commissioners, staff, and guests. Also discussed was a possible program to recognize preservation efforts such as plaques.

There was a follow up discussion addressing maintenance and preservation of the Sisters Country Historical Society archives and possible integration into the Deschutes Historical Society archives.

Broc motioned to direct County Staff, in the process of working with Sisters County Historical Society, to make specific contact with local resources within the City of Sisters and Sisters environment to initiate a meeting for the purpose of collecting this information in a professional way so it can be archived at the Deschutes Historical Society. Commissioner Schmidling seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schmidling volunteered to follow up with representatives of the Sisters Historical Society to initiate dialog as a first step. Several individuals were listed as possible contacts: David Assan, Bonnie Malone, Gene Naïve, and John Hayes. Commissioner Schmidling to provide an update in November.

VIII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Horting-Jones noted that October is Archeology Month. Smith Rock State Park lecture is planned; Field trips in October discussed.

Commissioner Leighty confirmed Oregon SHPO has a new deputy director; Encouraged commissioners to subscribe to Restore Oregon e-mail list to stay up to date.

Peter Gutowsky discussed the request for dedicated historic preservation staff. The request was not funded but the Board of County Commissioners requested to meet jointly with the HLC to discuss this and other issues associated with historic preservation.

IX. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Martin
Associate Planner