



## Community Development Department

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### MINUTES

#### JOINT MEETING

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND  
DESCHUTES COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER  
1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97701  
NOVEMBER 2, 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, Christine Horting-Jones, Broc Stenman, Ray Solley (Ex-officio), and Rachel Stemach (Ex-officio). Board of County Commissioner present were Tammy Baney, Chair Tony Debone, and Alan Unger. Staff present were Matt Martin, Associate Planner, Peter Gutowsky, Planning Manager, and Nick Lelack, Community Development Director.

#### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **III. CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANT UPDATE**

Kelly Cannon Miller, Executive Director of the Deschutes Historical Society, provided an overview and update on the historic property files scanning project that is supported by Deschutes County Certified Local Government (CLG) grant funds. There are 3000 files to be scanned by August 2016. The project will be completed primarily by a student volunteer with a Masters in archives and a retired volunteer with archiving experience.

Commissioner Leighty provided an update on the Sisters County Historical Society archive concerns discussed at the August HLC meeting. Commission Schmidling coordinated a meeting with society representatives and Kelly Cannon-Miller to examine the catalog and materials.

Commissioner Baney asked about the vitality of the Redmond Historic Society. Discussion followed addressing coordination with all historic preservation programs in the county. Commissioner Baney offered to reach out to Ken Harms, member of the Redmond Historical Society, and get him in touch with Kelly Cannon-Miller.

#### **IV. REDMOND AND BEND CLG PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

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

City of Bend: Not a lot of activity with a couple of projects under review; Looking into developing story map content and integrate into existing county story map;

City of Redmond: Considering submitted requests for designation of Roy Holmes' home, the Redmond passenger depot, and the Redmond freight depot as historic resources; Application submitted to modify old high school with intent to move city hall into the building; Developing a historic preservation strategic plan; Revising walking tour map; Continuing to explore designation of downtown as a historic district. Commissioner Unger asked who is the staff lead and Matt indicated Scott Woodford and Heather Richards are the leads.

#### **V. I.O.O.F. PAULINA LAKE CABIN WORKSHOP AND TOUR**

Matt Martin provided a PowerPoint presentation on the I.O.O.F. Paulina Lake Cabins including the history of the cabins and the recent maintenance workshop and assessment done by HistoriCorps. The assessment will result in a report of renovation options for the cabins including restoration, interpretation, and/or demolition. The report is expected winter 2015/16. The Forest Service has been invited to the next HLC meeting to provide an update and explore possible partnership opportunities.

Commissioner Leighty asked if this was the last at risk property on Forest Service land. Matt did not know the answer but the question could be asked of the Forest Service at the next meeting.

#### **VI. ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION WITH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner DeBone provided an overview of the planning efforts to celebrate the 100-year anniversary of Deschutes County throughout the year and at various events in the county. A committee has been formed and those interested are welcome to participate. A variety of events, projects, and ideas were discussed including:

- Parades
- Car shows
- County Fair
- Poster contest
- Living history theatricals
- Promotion of historic preservation
- Promotion of the historical society
- 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act
- Time capsule

Commissioner Unger discussed Camp Polk Cemetery regarding ownership, responsibility, and upkeep. Discussion followed with suggestions to contact the State Pioneer Cemetery

Commission and consider grant opportunities. Kelly Cannon-Miller offered to have citizens contact her for more information.

Commissioner Stenman expressed interest in increasing resources to the historic preservation program with an effort to update inventory of historic sites, add listings to the local Goal 5 list of historic resources, and be proactive in identifying future landmarks. He noted that over half of the existing resource list were added in the 1990s. He expressed concern that the rural county is easily overlooked.

Commissioner Baney asked about consultant opportunities for inventorying historic properties. She also noted the importance of being cognizant of property rights and looming budget challenges.

Commissioner Stenman wants to think more about preserving the rural component beyond structures.

Commissioner Baney suggested a goal of adding 16 new historic resource designations in 2016.

Commissioner Stenman suggested HLC meet more frequently especially during this centennial year to be more productive.

Nick Lelack suggested taking bite size pieces in development of an inventory and expansion of protected resources recognizing budget constraints.

Commissioner Stenman noted the disconnect between building codes and historic preservation standards as evidenced by the photo presentation by Patrick Davenport, Sisters Community Development Director, at the HLC meeting in August.

Commissioner Stenman asked about the time needed to develop a list of 40-year old structures. Nick Lelack indicated it could be significant and staff may be occupied by other project demands. Kelly Cannon-Miller noted she may have an intern available. Nick also mentioned other similar intern programs that could be considered.

Peter Gutowsky suggested a systematic approach to scheduling future meetings in coordination with centennial activities.

## **VII. ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Martin  
Associate Planner