

**CITY OF WEST LINN
HISTORIC RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 6, 2009

Members Present: Charles Awalt, Sandy Carter, Gail Holmes, Tom Neff

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Brown, Planning Director; Tom Soppe, Associate Planner

Agenda Topics: Willamette Falls Nomination Update, Street Lighting for Historic Areas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

2.a. MINUTES OF 12-2-09

The minutes were approved with one modification to the wording of the 12-2 minutes regarding item 2c, Goal 5 Inventory Outreach.

2.b. WILLAMETTE FALLS NOMINATION UPDATE

Mr. Soppe discussed how staff had sought out and hired a consultant to help Ian Johnson of SHPO complete the necessary research for the nomination. He said that the consultant hired was Natalie Perrin, a recent University of Oregon graduate. He reported that she, Mr. Johnson, and staff had agreed that she would report to Mr. Johnson for work direction and eventually be paid by the City at the end. Mr. Soppe said her work was to be completed by March 31, giving Mr. Johnson further time to complete the document and HRAB time to review it before submitting it for the June SACHP meeting. Ms. Holmes said how are we going to pay when the contract for this year already went to the Holly-Grove and Buck projects. Mr. Brown said the money was coming from the Planning Department budget. Staff also clarified that Mr. Johnson now has Building History Inc.'s research material on the nomination. Mr. Awalt discussed the data he had that he would be passing along to those writing the nomination and discussed what data he would like to see used in the nomination additionally.

2.c. STREET LIGHTING FOR HISTORIC AREAS

Mr. Brown discussed the City Manager's dislike for cobra head street lights and his desire to have different types of street lights throughout the city instead. Mr. Brown and Mr. Soppe discussed how this was pertinent to the historic areas in terms of installing historically compatible street lights. Mr. Brown described how this concern was recently instigated due to the applications for the new fire station and the Holiday Inn Express along Willamette Falls Drive in and around historic Willamette. He said he wanted to get

input from HRAB about lighting in the historic areas. Members discussed different types of historic style lights. There was discussion as to how far east the eventual historic streetlights in downtown Willamette should go and where/how these should transition to other types of lights around the perimeter of the Willamette historic district. With regards to the streetlight that was being required for installation by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue by the new Willamette fire station, there was consensus that the light erected should reflect the historic style that should eventually be installed throughout the neighborhood, even if the new light will initially be surrounded by existing lights of other styles. There was consensus that more research was needed before picking out specific lights, but that lights should be sustainable, historically compatible with the period of each historic neighborhood, respectful of keeping a dark sky, and reviewed by the neighborhood associations before being installed.

3. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Ms. Holmes discussed how she had reapplied for HRAB, but wasn't sure if she could be chair because she has served more than one term but less than two full terms (having taken over for Patti Galle when she resigned in 2007). The municipal code states no one can be chair for more than two consecutive terms. Mr. Brown said that the first meeting of each year is supposed to have elections for chair and vice chair but that HRAB should wait until February because the new member (replacing David Banash whose term expired and who did not reapply) had not been appointed yet. Mr. Brown said that if no one else makes an interpretation by the February meeting regarding the ordinance regulating terms, HRAB could make an interpretation as a board as to whether Ms. Holmes would be allowed another term as chair.

Ms. Holmes also reported that the annual advisory board update to the City Council had not occurred yet as the meeting in late December had been canceled due to weather. The meeting had not been rescheduled at this time but when it does occur, Ms. Holmes will still represent HRAB there.

Ms. Carter reported on the Hawley House art exhibition at the West Linn Public Library. She also discussed being a part of a new group called Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition and discussed their projects. She also gave an update on the Grindstones Project.

Mr. Awalt expressed his concern over the City Council reviewing a "situation they created", specifically planning for the fire station to go on the block where the historic landmark house on Buck Street now exists, then reviewing the demolition permit for said house. He discussed the lack of protection of more of the houses in the Buck Street area that were affected by TVFR's new station, and how the situation of needing to relocate the one protected house there had not been resolved. He discussed the City's need to be better prepared with more protections and better anticipation of such situations, for when such situations arise in the future.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Holmes adjourned the meeting at 8:52.

**ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF
JANUARY 6, 2008**

Agenda Item	Title	Doc Date	Document Description	Document Number
2a	Minutes for December 2, 2008	December 4, 2008	See title	090106HRAB01

MINUTES APPROVED:

Gail Holmes, Chair

Date