



HISTORIC RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of February 2, 2010

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Members present: Chair Gail Holmes, Vice Chair Sandy Carter, Charles Awalt, Chris Sherland and Midge Pierce.

Staff present: Tom Soppe, Associate Planner; and Sara Javoronok, Associate Planner

Members absent: None

Guest: Beth Sherland

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Holmes called the Historic Resources Advisory Board meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. in the Willamette Room of City Hall, 22500 Salamo Road, West Linn, Oregon.

2. BUSINESS ITEMS

2.a. MINUTES

Awalt **moved** to table action on the draft Minutes of December 1, 2009 and direct Carter to distill them into a model to be used for future minutes documents. Pierce **seconded** the motion and it **passed** by unanimous agreement. The draft January 5, 2010 minutes were not available.

2.b. Introduction of New Associate Planner

The Board welcomed Sara Javoronok. She related that she had a master's degree in Urban Planning and had worked with local historic districts.

2.c. Introduction of new HRAB member

The board welcomed their newest member, Chris Sherland.

2.d. Update: Willamette Historic Code Amendments

Soppe distributed copies of the draft code to be considered at the February 3, 2010 Planning Commission hearing. It incorporated the amendments recommended in testimony at the January 20 hearing. Javoronok advised "Secretary of Interior's Standards for Historic Preservation" were already in another section of code, but they were not labeled that way. She advised it would be better to wait to incorporate those standards when the entire chapter was rewritten. HRAB members suggested moving them to the front of the code so they would be readily apparent to owners reading the code. They suggested the staff consider making

changes to their internal process that would flag inquiries and requests related to historic properties and educate the owners. Javoronok suggested placing guiding information on the website to help owners of historic properties who looked there to find out what they could do. For example, it could guide owners who wanted to replace windows. No permit was required to replace windows. The group saw the need to educate real estate agents, too, about the responsibilities and benefits of owning property in a National Historic District. Some ideas were to create a Willamette Historic District promotional brochure and make it a Chamber luncheon topic. They stressed that historic preservation fit the sustainability principle of “using what you have.” Holmes observed a consensus to accept the draft code.

### 3. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST

Carter reported the Sternwheeler replica had gone aground and could not go through the Locks. The Locks National Register nomination had been resubmitted. A recent *Oregonian* editorial had talked about energy efficiencies made at the West Linn Paper Mill. Consultant Julie Koler was looking for a model of an historic mill that successfully operated within an historic overlay district for the West Linn Paper Mill to look at. That was to assure the Mill that such a relationship could work. Board members noted that forming an historic industrial district had been one of their objectives for a long time and they were still in the “fact-finding” phase of the project. Carter was to arrange another tour of the Mill for the Sherland and the Planning Director.

\_\_\_\_\_ reported she planned to identify and report on places in the Willamette sidewalk system that needed to be fixed so the District would be more “walkable.” She suggested holding a fundraiser to pay for the work. Others wondered if there were any grants that might pay for it. Sherland offered to help by taking photographs.

The HRAB had previously considered a potential project of fashioning a Multiple Property Submission (MPS). The properties in it could be from all over the City and did not have to all be in a specific historic district. Approaches to beginning that process could be for each HRAB member to write down the addresses of properties they saw that might be good candidates, or put an invitation on the website to owners. Javoronok’s experience was they all had to fit a common theme. To pick and chose properties from all over the City might make that a challenge. She planned to check with SHPO.

All HRAB members were to have copies of the list the staff had compiled of HRAB projects and ideas for projects that members had suggested. It was to serve as the log they used to keep track.

Awalt stressed the house at 1740 Fourth Avenue should be designated a Landmark because it was close to donation land clam construction. The staff agreed to look into it. Previous surveys had passed it by because there had been too many changes to the property and they could not justify designating it as a contributing structure.

The board recalled they had fashioned a recommendation to the City Council to require mitigation for lost historic property. They asked the staff to find out what had become of it.

4. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chair Holmes adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE PUBLIC RECORD FOR THE MEETING OF  
February 2, 2010

Agenda Item	Title	Doc Date	Doc Description	Doc Number