



CITY OF West Linn

HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of November 19, 2013

Members present: Co-Chairs Jon McLoughlin and Jim Mattis, James Manning, Adam Petersen, Chris Sherland and Robert Rothwell (until 7:50).
Members absent: Thane Eddington
Staff present: Sara Javoronok, Associate Planner/Staff Liaison
Guest present: Sandy Carter

REGULAR MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Co-chair McLoughlin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Bolton Room of City Hall, 22500 Salamo Road, West Linn, Oregon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Co-chair Mattis **moved** to approve the Minutes of October 15, 2013. Mr. Petersen **seconded** the motion and it **passed** 4:0:2. Mr. Manning abstained.

BUSINESS MEETING

Sandy Carter from One Willamette River Coalition/Willamette Falls Heritage Foundation presented to the HRB on the Willamette Falls Locks and Lock Fest, which was held in conjunction with the Willamette Falls Festival. She passed along an update/information sheet on the project. She inquired as to who attended Lock Fest. Mr. Mattis attended. The Willamette Falls Festival was held on October 5 and 6, 2013 and the theme was industrial heritage. Ms. Carter related that Peggy Sigler, a Field Representative for the National Trust for Historic Presentation is assisting with the project. The two and others promoted the Locks and Heritage Foundation at the Lock Fest to approximately 500 people.

Ms. Carter detailed the information in the update/information sheet including the 2009 gate inspection, and the work needed to reopen the Locks. The groups have held inside interviews with groups that may be interested in using the Locks. The groups have worked with EcoNorthwest on a scope of work and proposal for a phased economic benefits study. It would have five steps, take 2-3 months, would cost \$81,000, and would have credibility. At this point, they have raised \$30,000 in funds from heritage groups and other interested organizations. Potential owners for the Locks would need to be a government entity that can raise taxes. Operating costs would be roughly \$200,000 if the Locks were fully operational. It is unclear how much traffic was previously using the Locks since accurate counts were not made in the previous 10 years that they were open. In addition, it became increasingly important for recreational users.

Staff and the HRB completed the online 2013 Citizen Advisory Group Annual Report. Staff handed out last year's for reference. Ms. Javoronok stated that the group reviewed one quasi-judicial project, completed the code revisions, and applied for and received a CLG grant. Ms. Javoronok stated that the sign toppers for the historic district were reviewed by the neighborhood, funding approved by the Council, and ordered from the sign company. Mr. Mattis recommended adding more information about the code revisions. Mr. McLoughlin said that community outreach included the neighborhood meeting early in the year and Mr. Mattis noted the user friendly brochures that were created. Mr. Mattis stated that the group also gave preservation awards to Sandy Carter, for her work on behalf of the One Willamette River Coalition and Peggy Sigler, for her work on behalf of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Mr. McLoughlin recommended keeping the first, third, and fourth goals from the previous year. Mr. Mattis suggested focusing on advocating for the Locks and the transfer of their ownership. Mr. McLoughlin stated that a challenge would be maintaining full membership of the Board and then retaining the second challenge from the previous year. The Board agreed to keep looking for training opportunities. The HRB discussed having a monthly update on the Locks, Oregon City's Willamette Falls Legacy project, and the City's Arch Bridge/Bolton project.

BUSINESS FROM THE HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Mr. Mattis talked about a resolution he wanted the HRB to pass and adopt encouraging the City to get behind the economic benefits study for the Locks in the amount of \$10,000. It needed to go to the Planning Director, City Council, and City Manager. This would be part of the HRB's advocacy on behalf of the Locks. Mr. Manning moved to adopt the resolution. Mr. McLoughlin seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

REPORT FROM STAFF

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

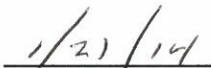
There being no other business, Co-Chair McLoughlin adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.



Jon McLoughlin, Co-Chair



Jim Mattis, Co-Chair



Date