



HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD

Minutes of July 21, 2020

Via Webex

Members present: Danny Schreiber, David Taylor, Richard Nowacki, Scott Erwin, John Steele, Tim Young and Tom Watton
City Council Liaison: Jules Walters, West Linn City Council
Guest: Robert Olguin, National Register Program Coordinator, Oregon State Preservation Office
Staff: Darren Wyss, Associate Planner

1. CALL TO ORDER

The HRB work session was conducted virtually via WebEx video conference. Advisory Board Members attended remotely. Vice-Chair Schreiber called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING NOTES - NOVEMBER 19, 2019; APRIL 21, 2020; MAY 19, 2020

Interim Chair Schreiber moved to approve the meeting notes for November 19, 2019, April 21, 2020, and May 19, 2020 HRB meetings. Member Taylor seconded. Ayes: Schreiber, Taylor, Nowacki, Erwin, Steele, Young, and Watton. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. The motion passed 7-0-0.

4. FINAL DECISION AND ORDER: DR-20-03 CLASS II HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW FOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 1683 WILLAMETTE FALLS DRIVE

Interim Chair Schreiber opened consideration of the final decision for DR-20-03. Associate Planner Wyss stated that the public hearing and deliberation for the DR-20-03 was closed on June 16, 2020. The HRB made a tentative approval. The Board is considering the final decision and order with a finding that this decision is unique to the circumstances of the Church building, with its history of alterations and additions and the location of the replacement materials, and concludes this decision will not be precedent-setting for any future decisions made by the Board.

Member Erwin stated that he visited the site and the rest of the Historic District. He observed vinyl windows in some buildings in the Historic District. He noted that the Church's windows that are proposed to be replaced with vinyl windows are apparent from the street and sidewalk. He was concerned about the design, material, and color of the proposed window replacements and the negative effect on the Church's aesthetic.

Member Young noted that the new windows are on the modern addition to the Church, not the original structure.

Member Young moved to approve the application for DR-20-03 Class II Historic Design Review for United Methodist Church. Member Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Taylor, Steele, Nowacki, Young, and Watton. Nays: Schreiber and Erwin. Abstentions: none. **The motion passed 5-2-0.**

5. STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (SPHO) PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

Robert Olguin, National Register Program Coordinator at the Oregon State Preservation Office, presented information about the National Register of Historic Places program.

The National Register of Historic Places is the Nation's official list of historic places worthy of preservation. The National Park Service administers the program. There are over 2,000 properties listed in Oregon, including over 150 historic districts. Placement on the National Historic Register offers federal and state tax credits, grant eligibility, building code leniency, and consideration of federal projects. In Oregon, placement on the registry requires local review before a building can be demolished or relocated.

The Certified Local Government Program is a financial and technical assistance program for local governments. CLG program requires that the local government establish a historic preservation commission, pass a preservation ordinance, participate in the State's historic inventory program, review or comment on National Register nominations, and enforce state preservation laws. Certified Local Governments participate in the National Register nomination process by reviewing all nominations of properties in their jurisdictions.

Oregon has a set of 19 Statewide Land Use Planning Goals. Goal 5 requires that the local government review places on the Historic Register before being demolished or relocated.

Currently, the State is undergoing a rule revision for the National Register program and is accepting comments. Acting Planning Manager Wyss provided members an email link to the comment.

Wyss invited Olguin back to the HRB later for a second training once the Board determines the training topic.

6. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE BOARD

None.

7. ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM STAFF

Acting Planning Manager Wyss updated the Board on the consultant contract for Historic City Hall National Register application. He stated that the City is seeking to have a consultant on board to prepare an application for the fall 2020 or spring 2021 application term. Interim Chair Schreiber encouraged staff to move forward with the application as soon as possible. The Board decided to draft a letter to Council to support listing Historic City Hall on the National Registry and prioritizing the application.

Wyss noted that there are not any upcoming quasi-judicial decisions for the Board to consider. The Board decided not to meet in August.

Councilor Walters provided an update on the process for securing tenants and other issues for Historic City Hall. The City Council decided to appoint a working group to oversee the GO Bonds funds for the Historic City Hall. She asked if any Board member was interested in being on the working group. The working group would not have a role in the National Register application process.

8. ADJOURN

Interim Chair Schreiber adjourned the meeting at 7:32p.m.