



**HISTORIC REVIEW BOARD  
Draft Meeting Notes of October 3, 2024**

Members present: James Manning, Brad Stewart, Dan Saltee, Michael Fuller, and John Steel, Kirsten Solberg and Sheri Harbour De Vos called into the meeting.  
Members Absent: none  
Staff present: Lynn Schroder, Management Analyst

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**Staff Liaison:** Lynn Schroder - [lschroder@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:lschroder@westlinnoregon.gov)

The meeting [audio](#) is available.

**1. Call To Order and Roll Call**

Chair Manning called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Lynn Schroder called the roll.

**2. Public Comment Related To Items Not On The Agenda**

None.

**3. Recommend Approval of Mclean House Nomination to National Register**

Lynn Schroder provided background on the McLean house National Register nomination process.

HRB Members discussed the nomination of the McLean House to the National registry and agreed that it meets the criteria. The property was described accurately in the nomination and has appropriate significance and context. The facts and sources were thorough and well-researched, and there were no technical issues with the materials.

Member Stewart noted that the nomination clearly outlines the changes that have been made to the building to date. He noted that the McLean House was built in 1927 and that while there have been some necessary updates, the overall integrity of the building remains intact, which is favorable. Chair Manning noted that under City ownership, the building has maintained in its historic characteristics. Members Fuller, Steele, and Saltee agreed.

Member Steele thought that the nomination was very thoroughly researched and documented.

Member Steele moved to recommend to the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation that the McLean House National Register Nomination meets the National Register criteria. Member Fuller seconded. **Ayes: Saltee, Stewart, Fuller, Steele, and Manning. Nays: None. Abstain: None. The motion passed 5-0-0.**

Members agreed that Chair Manning could sign the HRB letter of support.

**4. Discussion – Joint Meeting with Council on October 21<sup>st</sup>**

Members agreed to delay the joint meeting with the City Council on October 21 to later in the fall so that the HRB could meet on October 15th to better prepare for the discussion.

**5. Adjourn**

Chair Manning adjourned the meeting at 5:20 pm.

**NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION EVALUATION SHEET**  
**Certified Local Governments / Historic Landmark Commissions**

**Property Name:** McLean, Edward and Anne, House  
**Address:** 5350 River Street, West Linn, OR 97068  
**Proposed Periods of Significance:** 1927; 1932-1938  
**Proposed Criteria:** C; A  
**Proposed Areas of Significance:** Architecture; Health/Medicine

OK       Concerns      **Integrity:** Major alterations or additions? New materials? Altered setting? Moved? etc.

OK       Concerns      **Description:** Is the property adequately described? Have contributing and non-contributing features been clearly identified?

OK       Concerns      **Significance and Context:** Has the appropriate criterion been used? Has it been justified? Is the context sufficient in breadth and depth to support the claims of significance? Is the narrative history complete and of the appropriate detail?


OK       Concerns      **Facts and Sources:** Are the appropriate and best sources used? Are key dates and facts accurate?

OK       Concerns      **Technical:** Typos, grammar, organization, and flow of the narrative, etc.

OK       Concerns      **Supporting Materials:** Adequate photos, maps, drawings, etc.?

**Recommendation:**

It is the opinion of the Commission that the property meets the National Register criteria.  
 It is the opinion of the Commission that the property does not meet the National Register criteria.

  
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Signature of Commission Chair (or Designee)      Date 10/7/24  
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Name of Local Historic Preservation Commission

**Return to:**  
Oregon State Historic Preservation Office  
ATTN: National Register Program Coordinator  
725 Summer Street, N.E., Suite C  
Salem, OR 97301



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West Linn, Oregon 97068  
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State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation  
State Historic Preservation Office  
725 Summer St NE, Suite C  
Salem, OR 97301-1271

**RE: City of West Linn Historic Review Board Support for Listing McLean House to the National Register of Historic Places**

Dear State Advisory Board Members,

The West Linn Historic Review Board (HRB) wishes to express its full support for listing McLean House to the National Register of Historic Places. West Linn Historic City Hall was constructed in 1936. Then and now, it demonstrates civic pride and serves as a tangible symbol of West Linn reaching a certain size and maturity. Placing Historic City Hall on the National Registry is an incredible opportunity to create a gateway and anchor for the West Linn's Waterfront Project and the Willamette Falls Heritage Area. Historic City Hall provides an opportunity for citizens to learn the history and culture of West Linn, Willamette Falls, Oregon's Native American tribes, and pioneer Oregon.

Historic City Hall qualifies for the National Register based on its place in the history of and prominent gateway in West Linn. The building was unique in Oregon in 1936 in that it was conceived as a public-private partnership housing government services and commercial businesses. Historic City Hall served as a center of city life, housing the council chambers, city offices, library, police station, post office, and a grocery market that was the flagship store to what would later become the Thriftway grocery store chain throughout Oregon.

National Register status will document the importance of the building and help find partners and resources to finance the City's planned renovation and reuse. A likely outcome could involve some public-private partnership, not unlike the building's original use.

We appreciate your support of our unique heritage building and the support for making the historic areas of West Linn a vibrant part of our community.

Sincerely,

James Manning  
Chair, West Linn Historic Review Board