



Memorandum

TO: Chris Jordan, City Manager

FROM: Sara Javoronok, Associate Planner

DATE: August 9, 2010

SUBJECT: CDC-10-01 Establishment of a Historic Review Board

Attached are public comments regarding this case received by staff prior to the City Council public hearing.

Javoronok, Sara

From: Charles Awalt [chasawalt@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 3:56 PM
To: Javoronok, Sara; Holmes, Gail; Offer, Jerry; Sonnen, John; beth
Subject: RE: CC Work Session - 8/2

Sara,

We aren't concerned about the code changes meeting CLG standards. Our concern about Planning Commission making HRB decisions is their lack of training in National and State preservation laws and standards. Much of what the HRB does is not supported in city code. The code gives them the authority to make decisions, then the HRB is trained to make decisions that will stand up to the standards.

In speaking with the PC at the end of the meeting they said there wasn't going to be any problems as long as decisions are supported in code. I doubt if they would be able to find most of the HRB decisions in the code without training in historic preservation. We can say HRB decisions are supported and show them where in the code, but without the background they won't see it. I've seen it play out this way over and over again through the years.

The PC in their decision to use #1 went back to where the changes were before we met with them. It completely discounted the two+ hours of discussion that aspects of the HRB decisions needed to be binding and discounted my testimony that whatever change they chose the HRB needed binding decisions. The frustration with this is at the same time they are discounting everything that was said to them they are assuring us that they always place high value to input from other advisory bodies and make sure they incorporate them into their decisions. I don't see where they've shown that they understand our concerns. The goal is to protect the historic resources that still remain in tact in the Commercial Zone and make sure that what is add complements it.

Charles Awalt

From: sjavoronok@westlinnoregon.gov
To: gholmes927@aol.com
CC: jsonnen@westlinnoregon.gov; chasawalt@hotmail.com; chris.sherland@cushwake.com; midgepiece@gmail.com; sandycarter@wordscount.biz
Date: Thu, 29 Jul 2010 14:37:17 -0700
Subject: RE: CC Work Session - 8/2

Gail:

Thanks for letting me know who will be there. A special meeting agenda went out today so a quorum of members may attend.

Also, Planning Staff and the Planning Commission have considered federal and state law in developing the code amendments. After receiving your e-mail, I talked with Ian Johnson at SHPO about the proposed amendments. The amendments meet the requirements of the CLG program, which are supplementary to other federal and state preservation laws. I realize there is some concern with the proposed amendments, but I would like to think that the new Historic Review Board and Planning Commission could work together on any potential projects that would require this type of review process.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sara



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From: GHolmes927@aol.com [mailto:GHolmes927@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2010 10:05 AM
To: Javoronok, Sara
Cc: Sonnen, John; Await, Charles; Sherland, Chris; Pierce, Midge; Carter, Sandy
Subject: Re: CC Work Session - 8/2

I will be at the 8/2 meeting and I believe Charles will be, haven't heard from the others.

I talked with Charles yesterday and he brought up something that I don't think the PC or your department is really thinking about. Historic Preservation is Federal and State Law, which is a higher authority than City Code. The way that this code is going seems to be a failure on Historic Preservation.

So, it seems that this process is doomed and so will the Review Board.

Gail

In a message dated 7/29/2010 9:55:26 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, sjavoronok@westlinnoregon.gov writes:

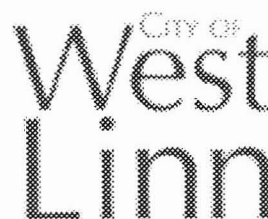
Hi Gail,

I left you a message earlier, but I'm not sure if it went through. I wanted to check in with you regarding next Monday's City Council work session. We will send out/post a special meeting agenda today. I also wanted to see if you know who will be attending the meeting.

I spoke with Julie earlier today and we think it would be best if she presented a final version of the documents at the September meeting instead. My thought is that we can talk about the transition from the HRAB to the HRB and discuss any issues from the work session the night before.

I'll be around today and tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Javoronok, Sara

From: Midge Pierce [midgepierce@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 10:08 AM
To: Holmes, Gail; Javoronok, Sara
Cc: Await, Charles
Subject: About tonight...
Attachments: image8e878a.gif@4eae9b95.8b404086; 7-12-10-PC agenda.pdf; 7-21-10 PC.agenda.pdf

Is this special meeting announcement intended for our advisory board? Unlikely I can attend as I already had a 6 pm appointment I can't break in Portland - I'll stop by after to see if you're still meeting.

Two important items to share:

- Main Street passed the following statement July 7: *The Willamette Main Street Board of Directors supports the idea that the West Linn Planning Commission and the new Historic Review Board work collaboratively to ensure historic preservation in the community.*
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- My take is that giving authority - even joint authority - to a planning commission with no historic perspective is like risking having the fox watching the hen house.
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----- Forwarded message -----

From: Rivera, Sherrie <srivera@westlinnoregon.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 8, 2010 at 2:38 PM
Subject: Planning Commission and HRAB Agendas for July 2010
To: Planning Commission Board <ima_planningcommission@westlinnoregon.gov>, Neighborhood Association Presidents <ima_napresidents@westlinnoregon.gov>, Karen Mohling <karen.mohling@tvfr.com>, "Await, Charles" <chasawalt@hotmail.com>, "Sherland, Chris" <chris.sherland@cushwake.com>, "Holmes, Gail" <gholmes927@aol.com>, "Pierce, Midge" <midgepierce@gmail.com>, Sandy Carter <willamettefalls@msn.com>
Cc: "Sonnen, John" <jsonnen@westlinnoregon.gov>, "Javoronok, Sara" <sjavoronok@westlinnoregon.gov>

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Sent: Monday, July 12, 2010 1:08 PM
To: Pierce, Midge; Holmes, Gail; Javoronok, Sara; Offer, Jerry
Subject: RE: About tonight..

I found the language weak and missed the point. It doesn't say anything that helps the situation. Who will have the final say on what new construction looks like, and how it works with the Historic District's architecture.

Charles A

Date: Mon, 12 Jul 2010 10:08:14 -0700
Subject: About tonight..
From: midgepierce@gmail.com
To: gholmes927@aol.com; sjavoronok@westlinnoregon.gov
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