

# SPRINGFIELD HISTORIC COMMISSION

Minutes: January 26, 2016

Present: Tim Hilton  
Kristina Koenig  
Terra Wheeler  
Staff Molly Markarian  
Staff Mark McCaffery

Guest: Kerry Barbero  
June Fothergill

Excused Absence: Bruce Berg

Where: Jesse Maine Room  
Date/ Call to Order: 01/26/2016 at 5:30 p.m.

## ITEM 1: Public Comment

There were no public comments.

## ITEM 2: Minutes Approval

The minutes from the December 1, 2015 meeting were not approved, as there was no quorum present.

## ITEM 3: Election of Officers

There was no election of officers as there was no quorum present.

## ITEM 4: Land Use Applications

Staff Mark--- introduced June Fothergill. Fothergill came to speak to the Commission about projects involving Erb Memorial. The building turns 100 years old this year and the group she represents will have a celebration sometime later in the year. In 2018, it will be 150th anniversary of the congregation. The Erb might be the oldest, continuously operating church in Springfield. Project 1 would involve having a mural painted on the wall facing the alley (north side of the building). Project 2 would involve making the basement access, at the west elevation, be more ADA compliant. The basement access has a ramp from when it was modified at some point in the past, but the ramp needs redesigned, as it is steep. It is attached to the older building. It was explained to Fothergill that for Project 1 a public notice would need to be sent out to adjacent properties, or in the least a sign permit would be needed. Project 2 involving alteration of a historic building, would require a Type II application and review. Staff Markarian stated that there is precedence for a lift in the district.

Fothergill responded to Commissioner Hilton's question that she does not know if any of the old church lighting/lamps are in church storage.

## **ITEM 5: 2016-2017 CLG Grant**

The list of potential CLG Grant projects, noted in the December 1 meeting minutes, were reviewed at tonight's meeting, including those that were identified for removal. The following items were discussed: lumber heritage context, historic overlay updates, trainings, and the City landmark designation initiative. Staff Markarian stated that she'll need a cost estimate of line items for the grant and grant match hours. Staff will then need to meet with the City's executive team for review of the application and approval for submittal to SHPO. If the lumber heritage project and trainings come in under budget then the extra monies can be allocated to education. There was an unofficial vote in favor of the grant project list.

Commission Wheeler stated that Savannah Herrell with the Eugene Historic Review Board is interested in coordinating with us on Preservation Month in May. Staff Markarian replied that the Springfield Historic Commission has found it to not be an effective use of grant funds, in the past, for Preservation Month activities. Examples: talks at library, host at photo exhibit w/ Emerald Photography, open to diff. events. Commissioner Hilton commented that May is not the best time of the year to get out and that Preservation Month comes a month too early for this group. He does, however, think that the Springfield CLG should do something. He expressed his concern that education is not strongly supported in the list of grant projects.

## **ITEM 6: Springfield Selective RLS Report**

Commissioners Hilton and former Commissioner Barbero gave their historic moment presentation on the Springfield Selective Reconnaissance Level Survey that they have been working on. The volunteer project has involved the identification of 230+ addresses of historic properties dating to 1915 or older and located within Springfield's current Urban Growth Boundary. The team has completed research, fieldwork, data entry, and reporting. They are hoping to soon wrap up the final mapping stage that has involved working with City GIS. The project has meant combining addresses from the SHPO database, Lane County RLID, and City of Springfield database to come up with a master list to have a more accurate understanding as to extant and no longer extant historic resources of the period.

## **ITEM 7: Sub-Committee Reports**

There were no reports.

## **ITEM 8: Commissioner Updates**

*Commissioner Wheeler* is assessing environmental and social impacts of demolition in Portland as a thesis project.

*Commissioner Hilton* attended the Mayor's State of the City Address. There was good music and food. Two points made at the address that directly relate to our work were 1) the expansion of the hotel allowed by the relocation of the Jenkins House move, and 2) local mill being rebuilt and will supply 150 jobs replacing those lost with the 2015 mill fire.

## **ITEM 9: Staff Updates**

Staff Markarian gave the following updates:

- Dorris Ranch is working with SHPO to help mitigate impact of losing one the historic orchard resources. The plan is for Dorris Ranch to provide signage and a narrative of orchard on kiosk; this could potentially happen this spring.
- New City intern started this week. That person will start project involving scanning historic resource files for properties located in WHD.
- There is a mock up of most current version of new website. The City would like CLG to refresh writing for local historic section - maybe it could be based on information from Springfield Selective RLS.
- Applicants will be interviewed in February and appointed to Commission; there are 3 vacancies. Vincent Martorello recently resigned; Kristina Koenig will fill that vacancy. She has not yet been officially appointed to the Commission.

**Meeting** adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Minutes recorded by Kerry Barbero.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016.