

Weston Historic Landmark Commission

Minutes of September 29, 2010 meeting @ 6:30 @ The W-A Memorial Hall, 210 E. Main, Weston, Oregon

Bob Gilliland called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Bob welcomed Juan Avila as a guest at our meetings. We sang happy birthday to Bob. (He turned 61 years young today!)

CLG (Certified Local government). Kuri (SHPO) would be willing to be called if needed during our meetings.

Bob said the Saturday town council meeting was a success. We got some good information. We now know who's doing the research for options concerning city hall and he shared that information with the community.

Minutes of last meeting were corrected and approved.

Bob asked Juan his impression of town council meeting. Juan responded by saying he understood that WHLC would be the group that would go after grants.

We, the WHLC were granted permission to promote research, seek grants, expend funds, etc as stated precisely in the city ordinance specifically addressing our commission. Juan impressed that it is very important for each member to get a copy of the ordinance and study it. Bob will get a copy of City of Weston Historic Preservation Ordinance from Denise.

Bob talked about meeting Kuri from SHPO at Becky's and went on some tours with her. They talked about where and how to start grant funding. Non-competitive money is available. Kuri said criteria must be met by February 1, 2011. She said the usual amount is \$15K every two years. She had no doubt that city hall would qualify for a grant. We simply need to get the work done to meet the criteria by the deadline. Certified Local Government money is a matching grant. Juan noted that the 1st phase would cost \$30K just for the engineer.

We need to have Kuri look at our city ordinance for our commission to make sure it qualifies. Then, we apply for the federal money. Normally the amount awarded in Oregon is \$15,000 for a two year period, but the next round could possibly be \$45,000.

Bob asked if anyone knows about this program. Sheldon says he's looked at the web site. It's a national trust for historic preservation. Again, it was noted that February 1, 2011 is the deadline. Linda asked if we could apply for the grant without hiring someone to do it. Sheldon thinks we could do it ourselves. One criteria is the need to specify a project such as development of walking/driving tours, videos, historical brochure, etc.

Bob has gathered a lot of interesting history of Weston and organized it in a binder which is located at the library. He is making extras, one for City Hall, and for any other interested persons. He is charging only for his costs in making the book. He also has a CD of a tour of the 2nd floor of City Hall. He will send a copy to Kuri of SHPO.

It would be a good idea for each of us to go to the SHPO web site. Just type in SHPO, Oregon State, then to grants.

The matching funds could be partly gained by the city donating on a line item IF we get the grant first. Matching funds can also be in the form of labor, meeting time, structural work and research.

Lyn suggested the meeting hours (time spent) at meetings be recorded in the minutes. We already record all those present. We will do so.

Linda noted that the Historical Society Received a check from Betty Custer for \$100 dated 3-1-04. But where is it?

Bob wondered if we could get additional members. We are losing Amy. We would appreciate having Sheldon Delph on the board.

Lyn says all terms are expired. We need to start over by electing new officers.

From the 2008 minutes Bob noted that Bob and Amy's position are up. Bob thinks we should ask Denise how to get current on positions. Juan thinks he needs to go to city to ask about just getting permission to reappoint. Vicki will be new member but she's not voted on yet.

Juan pointed out that we have an Oct 6th deadline to council with new officer info. And on what we want to present to the council so they can get it on the agenda for their next meeting.

Bob noted that SHPO wants a complete inventory on all the historic homes. They also want a reconnaissance inventory. The county has already done this and Bob Gilliland has this in his possession. Next step is to contact property owners for information they have to give us. The last step is to determine which homes qualify for the National Historic Register.

This work may take second place to work on grant for city hall.
Walking tour for Pioneer days brought up again.

Bob wants to know what we should do. Someone needs to sit down with Sheldon and Lyn and see what we have that could be used for Pioneer Days.

3 projects

1. City hall grant – highest priority

2. Historical houses listing for SHPO

3. Walking tour/info for Pioneer days

We still need a mission statement! Bob thinks he can find a copy of an old mission statement. Bob will get with Lyn to find it in old minutes. It was never actually adopted. They will get us up to speed on what we have to work with.

We can have a local history listing but SHPO would like to see what we have so far.

Bob says city hall is top priority BUT we need to know where we left off two years ago. He will start by getting any information Denise has on minutes recorded and submitted to city hall. Also, we need Mission Statement first before anything else can be done on above projects. **We need to get officers straightened out and mission statement. We do that first then we can proceed.**

So, the following are the priorities:

Grant work

Officers (Juan wants it by Oct 6th) we have no officers right now. So, we start over by providing Juan with a new list of officers.

Mission statement

Bob and Lyn will keep trying to catch up with Amy to get minutes.

Bob will speak to Carolyn Rencken. Is she interested in this work?

Juan produced the Ordinance that is actually on file. It is the law.

So, we decided to go ahead and start fresh by electing new officers at this meeting.

Chair

Vice-chair

Tim made a motion for bob as Chair

Linda seconded

Passed unanimously

Two years

Tim made a motion for Sheldon as Vice-chair
Vicki seconded
Pass unanimously
Three years

Linda made a motion for Vicki as Secretary/Treasurer
Lyn seconded
Passed unanimously
Two years

Lyn is a member
One year

Linda is a member (Tim is going off)
One year

We gave Juan the above information to submit to the council.

Persons present at this meeting:

Bob G
Vicki B
Lyn D
Sheldon D
Tim C
Linda C
Juan A

Next meeting will be October 27th @ 6:30 @ W-A Memorial Hall
Vicki will do the posting of meeting with agenda.
Bob wants the minutes emailed to those present within a week of meeting.
These minutes need to be submitted to city hall after all members have approved. This correction and approval process can be done by email.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30.
This meeting lasted two hours.