

WCDC Minutes for May 21, 2013 Meeting
(Joint Meeting with Weston Historic Landmarks Comm.)

Members Present: Peggy Reichert, Tim Crampton, Linda Crampton, Rick Stephens, Mary Lou Andrews, Vicki Bender, Chuck Price, Jim Davis, Lynn Delph, Sheldon Delph, Jerry Frison, Bill Boyd, Dawn Aby, Kenneth Feekes, Marthceltha Feekes.

Sheldon led the primary discussion regarding the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Grant for \$20,000. He has researched the Oregon Trail and the oldest section of the Trail, the Whitman Mission Sector, was routed through Weston. This grant is biennial, due Sept. 1, requires a 20% local match and Sheldon is reasonably confident that we could receive this grant assuming we can raise the required matching funds.

We broke into five separate groups to brainstorm and establish priorities of where we would spend these grant funds. Option one was to construct a building to house the new covered wagon and the two fire wagons on north Water St directly east of Smith's dry warehouse. This site could include a historical verbal recording, an iphone application and a sign to promote Weston's historical background. Parking and traffic problems will have to be considered at this site. Another option would be to put a historical recording at the Mini-Park with a map for people to locate historical sites in town. Jerry has completed drawings for this display building for the covered wagon and fire wagons. Chuck recommended recalling the hauling of timothy hay from Weston Mtn. through Weston to Fort Walla Walla on the Whitman Mission Sector of the Oregon Trail.

Option two would be the continued restoration of the Saling House. It should be restored as to the way the kitchen looked in the 1880's, displayed as a museum with period costumes. There should be "Historic" signs placed out near Hwy. 11. It was discussed that "in kind" donations count toward the matching fund requirements. We could include previous work reconstructing the covered wagon, site preparation (tree removal), use of the City backhoe to level the site, Jerry's building design work, and possibly Doug Winn's site design work.

Sheldon then discussed the Oregon Cultural Grant for \$2000 which is due June 14. He recommended buying a sign to put at the covered wagon site. Lynn reported that the WCDC has \$5000 for signage which is being held in the Athena Gem Theater bank account. Jim made a motion to apply for the Oregon Cultural Grant for signage at the covered wagon site, motion passed by WCDC. This motion was sent onto the Historic Landmarks Committee for approval which passed unanimously.

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Chuck read the April meeting minutes which were approved, no financial report available.

Linda reported that the nine wine barrels have been planted. She has a \$35-40 bill for perennials. Chuck made a motion to repay Linda the \$35-40 that she had spent on the perennial flowers, passed unanimously. Jim made a motion to spend up to \$50/basket for artificial flowers for the Main Street flower baskets for seven baskets. Motion passed unanimously. Sheldon made a motion that Linda spend the balance of the flower fund to buy flowers at the Mini-Park, passed unanimously.

Rick has inquired at Joel's Repair and M&C Machine Shop for estimates to construct new banner arms for location at Suzi's HandyMart. It was decided to have two sets built to give us a spare set for future repairs. Rick will get estimates.

Jerry discussed purchasing and constructing the new Senior Housing on Tom Lieuallen's property near the Weston school ball diamond. He will speak with the owners, Peyton Lieuallen and Ann Christman who should be in town this coming weekend for Pioneer Picnic. Doug Christman (Jerry's source) is looking for apartment design plans for disabled persons for the Senior Housing

Chuck suggested that we should try to establish regular tours through the Smith Frozen Foods plant as a very good local tourist attraction. Peggy reported that Smith's does give tours when supervisors are available. She will check with Gary Crowder into the possiblilty of expanding the tours with regular times.

Respectively Submitted,
Chuck Price, Secretary