

Oak Lodge History Detectives Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Schmeer at 7:00 pm. Fifteen members and 6 guests were in attendance. The treasury currently stands at \$1,683.87 plus \$1,000 reserve. The minutes of April 2018 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Concord School Update

Mike Schmeer reported on the CCS (Concord Community Stakeholders) forum held on June 4 to talk about the future of this historical resource (Concord School site) and how to preserve it. The forum included two representatives from Restore Oregon, Jennifer Burns for Clackamas County and the Clackamas County Heritage Council (CCHC), and himself. The OLHD is a member of CCHC. Also participating was Anthony Riederer of Clackamas County Planning and Joseph Edge, an expert on zoning issues in the County. This forum was videotaped and will be available to the CPOs and members of the OLHD. The stakeholders group indicated the County may want to interview some others in attendance. This information should be available for County-wide distribution. Jan Lindstrom is working on where and when this will be made available. The current zoning ordinances leave a little to be desired.

Evangelical Retreat Center

Lisa Bentley reported on the outcome of the Section 106 Process. Following long deliberations between the developer, the County and the national historic preservation representations, the draft agreement is that everything growing or built on the 16-acre property can be removed by the developer with the exception of Friesen Chapel. The developer will provide \$50,000 to move the structure, \$85,000 for Clackamas County Historic projects and \$15,000 for signage at the site. There will be no compensation for trees. An RFP will be advertised to relocate the chapel, preferably somewhere in Jennings Lodge. It can be moved to the edge of the property for a short time. What have we learned from this? 1) there is no incentive to nominate resources for historic preservation; 2) property owners will have to voluntarily nominate resources themselves; and 3) there is no help from Clackamas County to preserve structures; in fact, there are incentives to NOT have historic designation.

Thelma Haggemiller reported the Tourism Development Council is revamping its rules for development grants and the deadline has been moved to September 2018.

Al Schmidhamer offered another viewpoint on restricting development on large parcels of land. He felt that development can help create a nice neighborhood and shouldn't always be avoided.

Interurban Railroad Corridor Historic District

Pat Kennedy distributed an interim report to the members (copy attached to these minutes). She noted the proposed name for the project is "Interurban Rail Corridor Between Portland and Oregon City – 1890-1968." She also provided draft notes on seeking historic district status. She noted the line was privately owned - not public. North Clackamas Parks now owns the Trolley Trail.

NEW BUSINESS

H.G. Starkweather property

Mike Schmeer reported that the H.G. Starkweather house and property (now a B&B, Sandes of Time) is for sale for 1.5 million dollars. The house is on the county list of designated historic properties but is not on the National Register. This site contains 4.25 acres. OLHD will need to watch what might happen to the property. Mike suggested design guidelines be established to mitigate the siting, size and style of houses that surround historic structures.

Oak Lodge Fire Department location

The original structure was located at the corner of Oak Grove Blvd. and McLoughlin Blvd – deeded by the Skoog family - and was originally called Skoogs corner. Mike Schmeer is researching the family.

OLHD Summer field trip

Lisa Bentley introduced the clergy of Our Lady of Grace Pro Cathedral, the oldest church (1907) in North Clackamas County and proposed a field trip for OLHD members and residents to tour the church in August (flyer attached).

PROGRAM

Mike Schmeer presented a historical slide tour of Concord School from its first location in a log structure in 1854 to its closure in 2014. The narrative was both interesting and informative.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ott Piper, Secretary