

Port Orford Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting - Friday, February 24, 2023

Commissioners Present: Rick Cook (Chair), Steve Roemen,

Commissioners Absent: Maurisa Markstein

Guest: Beverly Bacak (HPC Recording Secretary)

Meeting called to order by Chair Cook at 9:35 am.

1. HPC Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve minutes of the January 27, 2023 HPC Meeting and the minutes of the February 7, 2023 HPC Special Meeting, as submitted with no changes.

2. Old Business: Lindberg House Update

Commissioner Markstein was working on the final draft of the letter to the City Council indicating the specific historical artifacts that HPC recommends be salvaged during or before the demolition of the Lindberg House. Chair Cook will contact Commissioner Markstein to check on status of this letter.

3. Port Orford Historic Resource Survey

The commissioners voted unanimously to begin the process of creating the official Port Orford Historic Recourse Survey. Chair Cook will consult with Kuri Gill of SHPO for guidance regarding how to initiate this process. State statute and local Port Orford Ordinance require that the survey must follow the most recent official Guidelines published by SHPO indicating that the primary surveyor's professional qualifications must meet US Secretary of the Interior's Standards. HPC survey will be Reconnaissance Level. Additional important question is whether HPC needs to assist the City of Port Orford in seeking a CLG grant to pay for the Survey or whether SHPO provides the recourses directly.

4. Discussion of the change for HPC from being a subcommittee of the Planning to a freestanding Commission. Although this change was made by official City Council vote, Title 17 of Port Orford Ordinance was never updated and still reflects the prior status of HPC. Chair Cook will place this on March agenda.

4. New Business:

Chair Cook reported that the wood sign at Battle Rock Wayside is in need of repair. Parks Commission is responsible for the site since it is a City park. Chair Cook was part of the effort 24 years ago to redo the original sign with new wording. Much local rancor was stirred up during this process.

Chair Cook has contacted Selene Relatos of the Siletz Tribal Council to inform the tribal Council of the deteriorating sign. Orange cones and support posts have recently been added as temporary strengthening. Chair Cook suggested that this might be an opportune time to move forward with the Coquille Tribe plans for interpretive kiosks at the Battle Rock Wayside.

6. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.

Minutes presented for approval: March 27, 2023 by Commission Secretary, Beverly Bacak.

Unanimously Approved (with correction) March 31, 2023