

Port Orford Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of Meeting - Friday, May 26, 2023

Commissioners Present: Rick Cook (Chair), Steve Roemen, Beverly Bacak, Joyce Spicer

Commissioners Absent: Maurisa Markstein

Meeting called to order by Chair Cook at 9:42 am.

1. Minutes of April 28, 2023 meeting unanimously approved with one typo corrected.

2. Old Business

No update from Joe Marsh concerning response from Puget Sound Guardians (Lindberg Family Trust, current legal owners of the house) to his bid submitted to demolish the house.

Chair Cook saw signs of a break-in at the Lindberg House and contacted Donna Lindberg. Cook was able to rescue five old framed photos, retouched at the time the vintage photos were taken. Gary Doran has these artifacts and will store them safely along with other Lindberg items he already has. Chair Cook will expedite salvaging additional artifacts from inside including drawer pulls, doorknobs, etc.

3. Report on Battle Rock Sign

There was no quorum at the May Parks Commission meeting attended by Chair Cook. Parks Commission Chair Bryan Thompson reported unofficially that the Parks Commission supports the project to repair/replace/or remove the old Battle Rock sign, and the Commission is open to a coalition working together on this project, including Parks, HPC, Siletz, and Coquille Tribes. Chair Thompson will advise the full Parks Commission regarding the sign at the June meeting that will be attended by HPC Chair Cook.

Chair Cook evaluated the sign's condition and advised Parks Chair Thompson that the sign will fall apart in one to two more winters.

4. Port Orford Historic Resource Survey

Commissioners discussed presenting the Historic Resource Survey Project to the community via a public gathering with mid-October 2023 as the proposed time. The presentation would include a Power Point introducing the Historic Preservation Commission, past activities since HPC started in 2012, details regarding the Historic Resource Survey Project, along with multiple photos of the oldest and most significant historic sites and structures of Port Orford. The gathering would be structured to encourage audience interaction.

Consensus was that the Port Orford Library would be the best site for this public presentation, with comfortable space for a large crowd in a room that allows for refreshments. Discussion will continue regarding best time (evening? Saturday afternoon?). Chair Cook has recruited Commissioner Bacak to take the lead in organizing this public gathering.

Chair Cook shared that Deborah Masterson, who grew up in the historic Masterson House, is currently working at Castaway.

5. Change in Monthly HPC meeting date

Commissioners voted unanimously to change the monthly HPC meeting from last Friday to last Tuesday of every month, with the time remaining at 9:30 am. This will allow Commissioner Markstein to remain active on the Commission while operating her new café. Chair Cook will check with the City to make sure there are no conflicts at that time with other meetings.

6. New Business

Chair Cook will meet with new City Administrator John HuttI and invite him to come to an HPC meeting and meet the Commissioners.

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:37am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 9:30am, City Council Chambers

Submitted by Commissioner Bacak, June 26, 2023