



**CITY OF ALBANY
LANDMARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION**

APPROVED: May 3, 2006

**Municipal Court Chambers
Wednesday, March 1, 2006
6:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members present: Michele Harris, Linda Herd, Tom Hinckley, Oscar Hult, Roz Keeney, Heidi Overman and Dave Pinyerd

Members absent: None

Staff present: Community Development Planner II Anne Catlin

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Heidi Overman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Linda Herd moved to approve both the February 1 and February 15 minutes, as written. Commissioner Roz Keeney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VINTAGE FURNITURE STOREFRONT MODIFICATION

Planner II Anne Catlin noted that Chuck Swoboda, owner of Vintage Furniture (now named Furniture Warehouse), was proposing to remove a small storefront window space created with the approved exterior alteration on Lyon Street. This would result in more of the building being recessed from the right-of-way because the space is just south of the new recessed entrance doors. Swoboda was unable to attend the meeting. Catlin said he has concerns about putting anything in the space because of the western exposure and no ventilation or heating.

Commissioner Oscar Hult asked why a vent or fan could not be installed. Catlin was unable to answer this question. Catlin suggested inviting Swoboda to the next Landmarks meeting.

There were concerns that allowing more of the building to be recessed would affect the rhythm of the storefront windows and look of the building.

Keeney suggested brainstorming ways to make the exterior wall look more like a storefront, noting the Chamber building as an example.

VINYL WINDOWS BROCHURE

Catlin distributed color copies of the "Why Say No to Vinyl Windows" brochure that Commissioner Dave Pinyerd created.

The Commission praised Pinyerd for his work on the brochure and made a few minor suggestions.

Catlin said she would have the City's graphic designer review the brochure to determine if there was any "city" content or format that needed to be included or followed.

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Commissioner Tom Hinckley noted that the cost of wood windows is decreasing as the cost of vinyl windows is increasing. The Commission suggested an article in the paper covering points in the brochure.

Hinckley said that his colleague at Riverside Window and Door would be willing to bring window samples to a Landmarks meeting. All thought that was a great idea.

SHPO GRANT PROJECTS

Monteith District Expansion

Catlin said the first step in the Monteith expansion project is to hold a neighborhood meeting with property owners in the expansion area to determine interest in expanding the district boundaries. The Commission decided on April 19th for a potential meeting date. Catlin will check with the State Historic Preservation Office to see if someone is available to attend the meeting that date.

Catlin suggested asking a few Monteith district residents to say a few positive words about being in the historic district. She'll ask Kate Porsche to say a few words and also represent the Friends of Historic Albany. Keeney suggested John and Deborah Conrad as good representatives of the district.

District resident and realtor John Hood-Fysh may be willing to speak about sales prices in the district. Catlin said she would contact him.

Preservation Awards

Catlin suggested preservation awards be given out by the Mayor at a City Council meeting same as last year. She thought the dessert social was a success and suggested doing the same event before the Council meeting beginning at 6:30. Commissioner Oscar Hult suggested moving the dessert social into the hallway directly outside the Council chambers.

Preservation Month Activities

Catlin updated the Commission on planned preservation month activities. The "big" event this year is bringing economic consultant Donovan Rypkema to the mid-Valley. Corvallis, Benton County and Albany are pooling SHPO grant funds to pay for his travel and fee. He will give a public lecture in Corvallis on "Economics, Sustainability and Historic Preservation" on May 18th. A work session with elected officials is planned earlier that afternoon. Catlin hopes his schedule will allow for a mid-day Albany event.

Keeney suggested there be an event at the newly-restored Train Depot. Catlin said she would check with Rebecca Bond at the Visitors Association to brainstorm ideas.

Catlin suggested trying to hold a kitchen workshop and tour in May or June. The Porsches and Silbernagels have offered their kitchens. Hult said his kitchen was available as well as the kitchen at the Whitespires church.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2006, to review the residential rehabilitation grant applications.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature on file

Anne Catlin

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