



CITY OF ALBANY  
LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Remote Meeting

Approved: September 2, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

6:00 p.m.

Vice-Chair Kolkow called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Claudia Dean, Bill Ryals, Cathy LeSuer, Keith Kolkow, Chad Robinson, Jolene Thomson

Commissioners absent: Kerry McQuillin, excused

Staff Present: Laura LaRoque, planner III; David Martineau, planning manager; Shelley Shultz, Contracting Assistant; Tony Mills, Planner I

Others Present:

**SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

6:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6:02 p.m.

Commissioner Thomson moved to approve the May 6, 2020, May 19, 2020, June 3, 2020, and July 1, 2020, minutes as presented. Commissioner LeSuer seconded the motion, and it passed 6 – 0.

**BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

6:02 p.m.

None

**QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARING**

6:03 p.m.

Land Use File HI-14-20 and HI-15-20

*Historic Review of Exterior Alterations (HI-14-20) and the Use of Substitute Materials (HI-15-20) applications for alterations to a commercial building located at 124 Broadalbin Street SW that is in the Downtown National Register Historic District.*

***Vice-Chair Kolkow opened the hearing at 6:04***

**Declarations by the Commission**

6:04 p.m.

Commissioner Thomson reports driving by the property, Commissioner LeSuer reports that she used to work in the building in the 1980's when it was a Broadway retail store.

**Staff Report**

6:06 p.m.

Planner Laura LaRoque provided a description of case file numbers HI-14-20 and HI-15-20.

**Questions from the Commission**

6:11 p.m.

None.

### Testimony from the Applicant

6:11 p.m.

Applicant Oscar Hult, 328 Water Avenue NE, Albany, OR, currently owns the The Natty Dresser, a business located at 424 First Avenue W; he testified that this project will bring back the charm of this historic building and add some character to the downtown area.

### Testimony in Favor

6:12 p.m.

Corina Abbott, 1237 Scenic Drive, Albany, OR, owns a business is directly across the street from the subject property. She is in favor of this project and feels that everyone downtown feels the same. The entire historic district will benefit from this project and she thanked the Hults for their leadership downtown.

Lise Grato with the Albany Downtown Association 126 Ferry Street SW, Albany, spoke in favor of the project.

### Testimony Against

6:15 p.m.

None

### Testimony Neutral

6:15 p.m.

None.

### Applicant Rebuttal

6:16 p.m.

None

### Staff Response

6:16 p.m.

None

### Procedural questions

6:16 p.m.

None

*Vice-Chair Kolkow closed the hearing at 6:17*

### Discussion

6:17 p.m.

Ryals thanked Oscar for taking on this project. He hopes that CARA is in support of this project. Commission was in support of the project and excited.

### Motion

6:18 p.m.

Commissioner Thomson moved to approve requested exterior alterations and use of substitute materials (application planning files no. HI-14-20 and HI-15-20) as proposed. This motion is based on the findings and conclusions in the July 29, 2020 staff report and findings in support of the application made by the Landmarks Commission during deliberations on this matter. Commissioner Ryals seconded. A vote was taken, and the motion passed 6-0.

### PRESENTATION OF GRANT PROPOSAL

6:19 p.m.

728 6th Avenue SW, Rebecca and Jason Ziegler

Rebecca Ziegler gave presentation on the proposed window replacement project on their home. Windows, sashes, and screens on 22 windows are in need of replacement. She said they received one bid from a Eugene company that was \$4700, so they are choosing to do the work themselves at a cost of \$3,505 (labor and materials). They did contact Chris Gustafson with Vintage Window Restoration, but they are quite busy right now, which was another factor in

deciding to do the work themselves. Ryals said Chris would be a good resource for consulting. Ziegler's are aware that grant is only for 50% of budget.

LaRoque said no other applications have been received at this time. She reminded the group of the criteria used for approval.

Commissioner Ryals moved to approve the Ziegler grant proposal as presented. Commissioner Thomson seconded the motion, and it passed 6 –0.

## 2020 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD NOMINATIONS

6:30 p.m.

LaRoque asked the commission if they want to do some sort of virtual recognition or delay due to COVID. Staff needs direction from the commission. The consensus was to do some sort of small recognition this year, with a larger celebration next year. LaRoque said there is a list of nominations we can revisit at the next meeting.

## UPDATES FROM STAFF

6:35 p.m.

Planning file no. CP-01-20/DC-01-20

LaRoque gave an overview of the proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan and how they will affect the Landmarks Commission, removing the word "advisory" from any reference to the Landmarks Commission. There is also language in the amendments that relates to historic review of demolition. The proposed changes have been approved by the Planning Commission and will be considered before City Council on August 26, 2020. LaRoque encouraged commissioners to review the materials online, reach out to staff with questions, and attend the City Council meeting.

## BUSINESS FROM THE COMMISSION

6:38 p.m.

Information Sharing for District residents

Commissioner Ryals gave an update on the St. Francis project; they are anticipating a presentation at an upcoming September CARA meeting. He encouraged LC members to show up in support of the project.

## NEXT MEETING DATE

6:39 p.m.

The next Landmarks Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

## ADJOURNMENT

6:40 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

*Signature on file*

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Shelley Shultz  
Contracting Assistant

David Martineau  
Planning Manager