February 19, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Deb Schallert-Chair, Robert Hadlow-Vice-Chair, Stephen Dow Beckham, Mary Oberst, Don Peting, Gail Sargent and Mark Tveskov.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Teara Farrow Ferman and Mary Gallagher

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chrissy Curran-Interim Deputy SHPO, Ian Johnson-Interim Associate Deputy SHPO, Diana Painter-Architectural Historian and Tracy Zeller-Program Assistant

GUESTS AND PROONENTS

Interested parties not associated with a property: Brandon Spencer-Hartle from Restore Oregon, Liz Carter, Brian McBeth and Shannon Sardell

Pilot Butte proponents: Michael Hall, Aleta Warren, Gail Snyder, Jeff Perreault, Curtis Pell, Pat Kliewer, Robert Rector, Mark Huber, Jim Bergen, William and Yong Wilkinson, Tim Casey, and Natalie Jameson

Pilot Butte opponents: Jenny Hartzell-Hill, Liz Dickson, and Laura Wollam

Madras Army Airbase North Hangar: Chris Horting-Jones, Michael Hall, and Maia Fiala

First National Bank of Bandon: Julia Larson and Harv Schubothe

Irvington Historic District Boundary Decrease proponents: Jim Loventhall, James Brown and Chuck Stuckey

Irvington Historic District Boundary Decrease opponents: Kirk Ranzetta, Barb Christopher, Jim Hoyer, Dean Grizvold, and Steven Cole

Irvington Historic District Boundary Decrease interested parties: Michael M. Phipps and James Hever

Leaburg Hydroelectric Project Historic District: Andy Talabene and George Kramer

William J. and Sarah Wagner Lippincott House: Robert Dortignacq and David Lindstrom
PUBLIC MEETING BEGAN AT 12:30 PM

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Schallert called the meeting to order and discussed the role of the State Historic Preservation Office (SACHP). All committee members and staff introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

Brandon Spencer-Hartle from Restore Oregon spoke on behalf of the Carmen House in Lake Oswego. Built in 1855, the pioneer era and locally designated landmark, is currently slated for demolition. Lake Oswego has removed the local landmark designation, and appeals of the demolition are now taking place through LUBA. Restore Oregon is currently considering taking the case to the State Supreme Court.

Brandon also discussed the proposed State Rehabilitation Fund for rehabilitation of income producing properties on the National Register and within Main Streets; their first hearing is scheduled for the first week of March.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Schallert noted the agenda should state that Mary Oberst is reviewing the Albany Hebrew Cemetery, and not Mary Gallagher as noted. Mr. Hadlow moved to approve the agenda change. Ms. Oberst seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Dow Beckham moved to accept the minutes with amendments as noted by the committee. Ms. Sargent seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE FROM THE DEPUTY SHPO

Ms. Curran spoke on Roger Roper’s retirement in January, and announced that she is serving as the Interim Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Ian Johnson has replaced her in her former role, with a title of Interim Associate Deputy SHPO. Ms. Curran also noted that there are no changes expected for the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) as a result of having a Governor. The SHPO is not sponsoring any bills this session, nor do they have permission from the Governor to do so. The Oregon Heritage Commission recently designated the first State Heritage area at the Willamette Falls Heritage Area in Oregon City. A State Heritage Area’s primary purpose is to capitalize on branding opportunities for areas that have tangible and definable boundaries based on their heritage.

REVIEW OF PROPERTIES PROPOSED FOR LISTING ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Pilot Butte Canal Historic District
Bend and Unincorporated, Deschutes County

The committee was almost evenly split on whether the case for listing was strong enough in the nomination. Several members noted that the boundary justification is not developed adequately in the nomination to justify why this stretch is so unique compared to the rest of the canal, and why the whole canal is not nominated. The committee also did not feel that the case for Criterion A, agriculture as an important industry in Bend was strong enough as farming in Bend is not very
profitable due to the climate. Several of the committee members felt that the support letters from the community focused on the aesthetics of the canal instead of its historic significance.

Ms. Sargent moved to deny forwarding to the Keeper of the National Register for listing under Criterion A on the grounds the nomination failed to establish and appropriate boundary and agriculture was not an area of significance appropriate for this nomination. Ms. Oberst seconded. Mr. Peting, Mr. Dow Beckham, Mr. Tveskov, Mr. Hadlow and Ms. Schallert opposed. The motion failed 5-2.

Mr. Dow Beckham moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register for listing under Criterion A. Mr. Peting seconded. Ms. Sargent and Ms. Oberst opposed. The motion passed 5-2.

Madras Army Airbase North Hangar  
Madras, Jefferson County

The committee all agreed that this is an important historic and they are supportive of the nomination. The only concerns the committee had with the nomination is the nomination should go into further detail about the other buildings on the former airbase, including what happened to them after the base closed, and what is still remaining. The committee also pointed out minor errors in terminology regarding the construction and structural members of the building that should be corrected.

Mr. Tveskov moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A and C with amendments as recommended by the committee. Mr. Hadlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

First National Bank of Bandon  
Bandon, Coos County

The committee enthusiastically supported this nomination and thought it was a great read. It was pointed out that the Oddfellows and the Masons were both mentioned in the same sentence, and, since they are completely different organizations, the mention of the Oddfellows should be removed from the nomination. The committee would also like more emphasis on the building’s concrete structure as this was unusual when the building was constructed in 1914. The committee asked that the term “poured concrete” be used instead of “cast-in-place concrete”.

Mr. Dow Beckham moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register with amendments as recommended by the committee under Criterion C. Mr. Peting seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ott, David and Marianne, House  
Gresham, Multnomah County

The committee was glad to see this nomination come forward as this is a wonderful house with a wonderful story. They also appreciated the nomination including the original drawings of the house, and the detail that went into each section of the nomination. The committee only had a few minor edits for the SHPO office to fix.

Ms. Oberst moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register with amendments as recommended by the committee under Criterion C. Mr. Hadlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Albany Hebrew Cemetery
Albany, Linn County

The committee appreciated this nomination coming forward, as this is an unusual cemetery with a story to tell. It was interesting as the cemetery is not segregated except for the Masons and the Oddfellows which is not uncommon; however, it is uncommon to have Masons and Oddfellows buried in the same cemetery. Although there is some damage to some of the headstones, the committee did not feel that it was enough to question the historic integrity of the cemetery; however, this should be briefly mentioned in the nomination. They would also like to have included the names of the stone carvers, and whether there were any members of the Jewish community involved with the carving of the headstones.

Ms. Oberst moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A. Mr. Hadlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:50 PM

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Don Peting

PUBLIC MEETING BEGAN AT: 1:30 PM

Irvington Historic District (Boundary Decrease)
Portland, Multnomah County

The committee all agreed that the nomination did not demonstrate a strong enough case as to why the overlap area should be removed from the listed Irvington Historic District. In their comments, the committee noted that there is not an appreciable aesthetic difference between the boundary decrease area and the remaining historic district when comparing the resources or the setting, and that the two areas share a common historic context. It was also noted that although the houses in the overlap area may not be as elegant as those in the southern portion of the existing district, they still have sufficient historic integrity and historic significance to remain in the district.

Mr. Hadlow moved to deny the removal of the overlap area. Ms. Sargent seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Leaburg Hydroelectric Project Historic District
Leaburg vicinity, Lane County

Overall, the committee loved this nomination and was happy to read it. It was mentioned that maps for each contributing feature within the district should be included in the nomination. It was also mentioned that more discussion on R.H. Thompson, the “shaper of Seattle” should be included in the nomination, as he was one of the consultants for the project.

Ms. Sargent moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register with amendments as recommended by the committee under Criterion A and C. Ms. Oberst seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Dow Beckham replaced Mr. Peting as lead reviewer of this nomination.

The committee loved this house and nomination as the craftsmanship is remarkable, and it is amazing to see how well this home has survived; it looks like something out of a magazine. It was noted that it is nice to see early modern style homes being nominated as they are not typical in Oregon.

Mr. Dow Beckham moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion C. Mr. Hadlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:25 PM