

**OREGON STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
MEETING MINUTES
City of Gresham Conference Center
Springwater Trail Room
1333 NW Eastman Parkway
Gresham, OR 97030
February 19, 2016**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Teara Farrow Ferman

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Chrissy Curran-Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Ian Johnson-Associate Deputy SHPO, Diana Painter-Architectural Historian, Jason Allen-Historian, and Tracy Zeller-Program Assistant.

STAFF MEMBERS ABSENT

None

GUESTS AND PROPONENTS

Alice Duff, Jeff Kaiser, Carol Rulla, Sandra Millius, and Diane Anderson for the Hamlin-Johnson House; Douglas Vargo and Margaret Stallknecht for the Vale IOOF Hall; Danielle Utter, Lael Larger, Twila Mysinger, and Brian Cooper for the Fairview City Jail; Tim Askin for the W. Leland James House; University of Oregon students Amanda Tully, Charlotte Helre, Robert Bottner, and Sabrina Ferry; Interested members of the public Ian Poellet, Fred Asa, David Lindstrom and Kirk French

LUNCHTIME PRESENTATION

SHPO staff member, Kuri Gill, gave a presentation to the committee on the current status of the Preserving Oregon and Diamonds in the Rough grants.

PUBLIC MEETING BEGAN AT 1:00 PM

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Schallert called the meeting to order and stated the role of the State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation (SACHP). All committee members and staff introduced themselves.

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

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Hadlow moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Ms. Sargent seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Ms. Gallagher noted there is a typo in the Arleta Library that needs to be corrected.

Ms. Oberst moved to amend the minutes with the spelling correction. Mr. Dow Beckham seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

UPDATE FROM THE DEPUTY SHPO AND ASSOCIATE DEPUTY SHPO

Ms. Curran has recently started the rulemaking process for the Oregon Main Street Revitalization grant program. Funding for this project is part of a lottery bond worth \$2.5 million, and will take effect in the spring of 2017. A temporary employee has been hired to create the rules, which should be in place by the end of 2016. The 2016 Oregon Heritage Conference will be May 4-6, and is being held at the State Capitol Building in Salem. Due to Roger Roper's retirement, the SHPO has had several staff changes. Ms. Curran has officially replaced Mr. Roper as the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, and former lead National Register (NR) Coordinator/Historian, Ian Johnson has replaced Ms. Curran as the Associate Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, as well as the Above Ground Programs Manager. Diana Painter is now the lead NR Coordinator, and Jason Allen, who was previously the Compliance Specialist, has replaced Mr. Johnson to assist Mr. Painter in the NR program as well as the lead Survey & Inventory reviewer. Mr. Allen's Compliance position is now open for recruitment. Mike Gushard, who worked with the Outreach Program, recently left the SHPO to work for the City of Portland, and his position should be open for recruitment within a couple weeks. The legislature is currently in session; however the SHPO does not have any initiatives, nor are there any that the SHPO is concerned about. Ms. Curran is on the Willamette Falls Locks Task Force, which is chaired by former Governor Barbara Roberts. Its goal is to transfer ownership and reopen the locks, and they are hoping to have created a proposal for legislature in the spring of 2017. The SHPO is also reissuing the historic playing cards in honor of the National Register of Historic Places Preservation Act turning 50 years old this year.

Mr. Johnson noted that the controversial Pilot Butte Canal Historic District, which the committee reviewed and approved in 2015, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on February 8th. The SHPO has been seeing an increase in Historic Resource Records (HRR) submissions, which is the first step in nominating a property to the NR. The SHPO received 14 submissions since November of 2015; one of which is a Multiple Property Document (MPD) from the Central Oregon Irrigation District (COID), which opposed the Pilot Butte Canal Historic District, with the Vale Irrigation District sponsoring a portion of the nomination. This nomination should be ready to be discussed at the June 2016 SACHP meeting.

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

Vale IOOF Hall

Vale, Malheur County

Several of the committee members believed that the condition of the building negatively impacted the building's historic integrity. The building owner, Margaret Stallknecht stated that that she has had many problems with vandalism and deterioration due to needing a new roof. She is seeking to find help with the financial cost of replacing the roof. It was also noted that the architect of this building, H.W. Bond, from Weiser, ID, was a very prominent architect in Idaho, and therefore, there needs to be more discussion of him in the nomination. It was suggested that the historic context be broadened to strengthen the nomination and that further supporting information be included to

support listing the property under Criterion A, for social history. It was also recommended that the nomination describe the IOOF Hall in the context of fraternal lodges in eastern Oregon. The committee also agreed that the narrative description should refer to the photos so that it is easy for readers to follow the nomination and that the plans should be corrected to show the building as it currently exists. The nomination also should note that Malheur County is approximately the size of Connecticut, and therefore a fraternal lodge of this size is rare in eastern Oregon.

Mr. Peting moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register with changes as recommended by the committee under Criterion A. Ms. Gallagher seconded. **Motion passed 6-2, Ms. Sargent and Mr. Hadlow denied the motion.**

Fairview City Jail

Fairview, Multnomah County

The committee all agreed that they like this building and overall, the nomination is well written. However the Narrative Description needs some minor editing, such as the Comparative Analysis should state this is the last remaining building of its time, and the boundary needs to be drawn closely on the east side, as well as be more specific about where the boundary actually is. It was also mentioned that it is impressive that not only is it rare for such an early building to be made of concrete, but also that the walls and roof are concrete. The committee would like to see Figure 7 labeled as to what is going on and who the person in the picture is. The nomination also needs to include more description of the iron on the cell doors, such as who made them and where they came from.

Ms. Schallert moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register with amendments as recommended by the committee under Criterion A. Mr. Peting seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Hamlin-Johnson House

Gresham, Multnomah County

The committee supports this nomination and appreciates hearing that the house will be redeveloped. However, the nomination could be made stronger with additional information such as referencing figures when appropriate, having the directional arrow of North at the top of the page throughout the nomination, add the room names to the floor plans and enlarging the floor plans. In addition, a couple of the pages discuss the barn being a non-contributing structure, so they questioned whether four photographs of it are necessary in the nomination. Photos 19 and 20 show a pond and fountain, however there is no discussion of them in the nomination, and therefore there should be a brief discussion about them. The committee also stated that Hamlin was accredited to building many homes in the area, and many of them have been lost in years past, so discussing this in the nomination would help strengthen the argument for listing. Several of the alteration should be developed further in the nomination, such as some of the windows are not original, the sun porch, and the Queen Anne style was discussed in too much detail. The construction of the house needs to be discussed, such as, is this box construction or wood frame, and what type of foundation it has. The committee would also like to see more discussion on Johnson as his family's presence in the community for many years is significant.

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. Tveskov seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

W. Leland James House
Portland, Multnomah County

The committee agreed that this nomination is well written and they are very supportive of this nomination. The committee would like to see the North directional arrows at the top of each of the maps, and photo 11 indicates there is a window or door in the dining room that is not on the plan (Figure 9), therefore, this should be included in the plan.

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

Antelope School
Antelope, Wasco County

The committee was excited to see this nomination as a building of this size and scale is unusual, especially in a town as small as Antelope. The committee also appreciated that the Rajneesh takeover was discussed as it was a big issue at the time, and will be even more relevant years from now. The committee also felt some of the alterations, such as adding and ADA ramp, was well done; and, although the building has been altered, it still reads as a school.

Mr. Dow Beckham moved to forward the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A and C. Ms. Oberst seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:55 PM