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CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

Meeting Held: April 7, 2015

Member Present:	Robert Hinds, Sarah Fox, Shell McKedy
Members Excused:	Roch Manley, Alex Gall
Staff Present:	Jacqui Kamp (Clark County) Jan Bader, Bryan Monroe and Jon Wagner (City of Vancouver)
Volunteers:	
Guests:	Greta Sutton, Dean Irvin, Mark Dodd

I. Roll Call & Introductions - Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

II. March 3, 2015 Minutes Approved:

Sarah moved to approve the March 3, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded by Shell. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Hearing(s)

- **Sparks/Engleman Building – 605-607 Main Street, Vancouver – Nomination to Clark County Heritage Register:** Bryan Monroe, Planner with the City of Vancouver presented the staff report. This nomination was reviewed preliminarily by the HPC during their March 3 Work Session. Some highlights include:

- Last cast iron remnants in city
- Building was used in 1904 catalog for builders
- 2 bay windows removed, but owners had them recreated

Staff recommends listing building to Clark County Heritage Register. Questions/comments from commission:

- **Robert:** Received an extensive overview of building in March, therefore has no questions
- **Shell:** What is the 3rd wall of building?
 - **Dean:** new façade ordered from company was called “3rd wall”
- **Sarah:** Any conditions of approval? States conditions of approval in staff report
 - **Bryan:** Explained that is the language of staff report stating that HPC has opportunity to include conditions of approval with decision
- **Shell:** How will you do the Foundation?
 - **Dean:** Create a 501 (c)(3) endowment; funding to get \$2 million for preservation; goal is to preserve building
 - It is an interesting building, different tenants, how it has affected the community, people’s lives
 - Sparks family just recently gone out of business after 165 years in the community
 - Would like to do historic videos and get them to CC Historical Museum to share with others

- Kronos leased building – photo canvass signed of 1st movie played – one of first movies ever on film; was one of the original “live” theaters for film
- **Public Comment** (Greta Sutton): Would like to see tours of the building in the future
- **Deliberation: Sarah moved to approve the nomination. Shell seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

Vancouver Federal Savings and Loan – 1001 Main Street – Nomination to Clark County Heritage

Register: Bryan Monroe presented the staff report. Building highlights:

- Building was intended to be several more stories taller – has massive interior columns
- Has original bank vault door
- Went through two periods of urban renewal
- Nomination was preliminarily presented at March HPC work session

Staff recommends approval of building to Clark County Heritage Register. The following are comments from HPC and applicant:

- **Robert:** Great job working with feedback from the HPC from April. The packet is much improved
- **Dean:** the building has fascinating history – first savings and loan in the area – tied to a lot of people
 - Underwent a massive remodel in the 1960s – were completely covered inside and outside
 - Bought building from George Killian – Dr. Rich was the one who had the 1960s look added to it – it became unleaseable because no daylight in the upper floors
 - Dr. Rich was part of the early stage of contact lenses – created them in basement of building
 - Basement was also restaurant at one time
 - Building was to be 5 stories taller than built
- **Shell:** Is it the original skylight from 1929?
- **Dean:** Yes, on the top you can see them – in the 60s it was screened – it is all float glass with chicken wire embedded in between the glass
- **Public Comment (Greta Sutton):** Interested in learning about all the properties that Mr. Irvin owns
- **Deliberation: Sarah moved to approve the nomination to the Clark County Heritage Register. Shell seconded the motion. All were in favor.**
- **Applicants stated he has two more buildings coming that he is nominating.**

IV. Old Business & Updates

- **CTran BRT Turtle Place Design update:**
Jon informed the HPC that CTRAN is willing to come and speak with the HPC with the artist. Jacqui will forward email correspondence to HPC. Staff will keep HPC updated as to next steps.
- **Lecture series update:**
The John Yeon and Shire lecture will be held on Thursday, June 4 with the tour at the Shire on Saturday, June 6. Robert is working with Katie on the marketing for the lecture and tour.
- **Mobile app update:**
Jacqui will continue to update the HPC on the progress of the app. Screen shots will be available soon to solicit initial feedback.
- **RevitalizeWA conference:**

Staff reminded HPC that the conference is coming up in May in Bellingham. If anyone is interested, please contact Jan ASAP.

- **Washougal River Railroad Bridge replacement update:**
The Memorandum of Agreement has been signed by all parties and is finalized!

V. New Business & Announcements

- **HPC meeting location idea(s) introduction for May:**

Jacqui introduced the idea of a change of location for the HPC meetings. Depending on the number of guests and what is on the agenda, the conference room at the O.O. Howard House isn't as conducive as some other spaces for a public meeting. The county Public Service Center is a possibility which allows for an audience style set up with built in audio/visual and internet access for the HPC to utilize. However, nothing can compare with the ambience of the historic O.O. Howard House and the appropriateness of the HPC to meet in an historic building. Staff is only introducing the idea. If the HPC is happy with the current set up, than we will continue as is. More discussion in May.

- VI. Public Comment** – There was discussion regarding the mobile application and working with area schools to test.

- VII. Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.