



City of Oregon City

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Meeting Minutes

Historic Review Board

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

Work Session

1. Call To Order

Chair Baysinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: 3 - Ken Baysinger, Ray Stobie and Claire Met

Absent: 2 - Grant Blythe and Jon McLoughlin

Staffers: 1 - Kelly Reid

2. HRB Goals, Accomplishments and Workplan Check In

Kelly Reid, Planner, discussed the accomplishments of the HRB in 2018. She then reviewed the 2018 HRB Goals and items for the 2019 Workplan.

There was discussion regarding allowing painting projects to be eligible for grant funding.

Paul Edgar, resident of Oregon City, said the Canemah neighborhood was working on applying for a grant for beautification of the area. He thought the City could provide grant funding as well.

It was suggested that the HRB could write a letter of support, but the grant funding was beyond their purview.

There was consensus to keep the same Goals and Workplan items for 2019, except adding one new one regarding the 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail activities.

3. HRB Policies Work Session: Solar Panels, Building Materials, Fences

Ms. Reid went over the timeline for the policy updates on solar panels, building materials, and fences. She then discussed the National Alliance of Preservation Commission Sample Guidelines for Solar Systems in Historic Districts and which guidelines might be appropriate for Oregon City.

There was discussion regarding SHPO standards for solar panels and when applications could be approved by staff and when they needed to be brought to the HRB.

Mr. Edgar gave input on the Secretary of the Interior's regulations for allowing new materials or designs and the need to be compatible with historic districts.

There was consensus that the use of solar shingles could be approved by staff as long as they blended in with the existing structure.

The HRB then discussed allowable building materials in historic districts and wanted to include a list of materials not recommended for any reason. There was consensus to have staff look into other materials other than wood that would be allowed by SHPO.

The HRB discussed and made clarifications to the draft fence policy including changing some definitions and addressing materials that should not be allowed.

4. Adjournment

Chair Baysinger adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.