



LANDMARKS COMMISSION

MINUTES

March 5, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Hybrid – Council Chambers

Approved: April 2, 2025

Call to Order

Chair Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Camron Settlemier, Chad Robinson, Rayne Legras, Mason Cox, Richard Engeman

Members absent: Cathy Winterrowd (excused), Jim Jansen

Election of Chair and Vice Chair positions

Commissioner Cox nominated Commissioner Robinson for the position of Chair. Commissioner Legras seconded the nomination. Commissioner Robinson accepted the nomination. All voted in favor 5-0 of Commissioner Robinson to continue as Chair for 2025.

Commissioner Legras nominated Commissioner Settlemier to continue as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Cox seconded the nomination. Settlemier accepted the nomination. All voted in favor 5-0 for Commissioner Settlemier to continue as Vice-Chair for 2025.

Approval of Minutes for January 15, 2025 and February 5, 2025

Commissioner Settlemier motioned to approve the minutes for January 15, 2025, as well as February 5, 2025. Commissioner Engeman seconded the motion, which passed 5-0.

Business from the Public

6:04 p.m.

Albany Downtown Association, Executive Director, Lise Grato provided a recap of items on the Downtown Newsletter. She announced that The Oregon Mainstreet Revitalization Grant Partners were selected. The first application was for the Albany Civic Theatre for the revitalization of the Rialto Theatre. She noted that having letters of support would be of benefit to the applications. The second is 'Roofs on First Avenue'. The four buildings are the: the Venetian (1914); the Schultz (1910); the Western Union Building (1880); and the Wyatt Building (1889). All are historically contributing buildings.

Business from the Commission

6:16 p.m.

Commissioner Settlemier asked the others if they were interested in providing a letter from the Commission for the Main Street Grants. Lise Grato offered to support that effort and provide some research on the buildings. Chair suggested including the location, age of the building and architect and any unique history. She will send the information to staff to distribute.

- Historic Preservation Award Nominees

Renovation Award to the building at 401 2nd Avenue SW building (Precision Golf) Commissioners voted. 4-1 (Commissioner Settlemier voting against.)

Volunteer Award to Lise Grato, Downtown Association for her tireless efforts for the Albany Downtown Association helping people on multiple fronts. All voted in favor. 5-0.

Dick Olsen Lifetime Achievement Award for the Monteith Society's 50-plus year history of work in that District. All voted in favor. 5-0.

March 5, 2025Staff Updates**6:25 p.m.**

Alyssa Schrems announced that after the Commissioner training staff decided to try moving away from specific final staff recommendations in the staff reports. She explained that because of the subjective nature of some of the Commission decisions, it makes more sense to leave those subjective decisions up to the Commission un-influenced. It was suggested that staff provide more language for the motions to include both approval and a denial motion language as well as framework for better conditions of approval. Commissioner Legras wanted to note for the record that she relies on and appreciates the staff understanding of the review criteria and code. Chair Robinson added his appreciation for their technical knowledge.

Schrems also announced that Benton County and Corvallis are doing their coordination meeting for Historic Preservation Month on March 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. It is an open public meeting. Commissioners are welcome to attend in person or virtually and to let her know if they are interested in attending.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2025, in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Signature on file

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Susan Muniz
Recorder

David Martineau
Current Planning Manager

**Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. The documents are available by emailing cdaa@albanyoregon.gov.*