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**CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Held: September 4, 2012

Member Present:	Eric Lanciault, Doug Wilson, Steve Kaiser, David Fenton, Andy Gregg
Members Excused:	
Staff Present:	Jon Wagner and Jan Bader, City of Vancouver; Jacqui Kamp, Clark County
Volunteers:	
Guests:	Derek Chisholm; Suzy Truitt and Leonard Felix (American Legion Hall)

I. Work Session

- Outreach Initiatives: Jacqui shared with the commission a list of topics that could become articles for the newsletter. They included: Kiggins Theater; What’s happening at the Heritage Farm; Camp Bonneville; Whipple Creek; Q&A from owner of restoration project; John Stanger House; and upcoming events. Commission members offered other topics: Academy transfer; Top 10 not listed that should be listed properties (Hudson Bay HS, Columbia Arts, Luepke Florist, Pepsi Cola Bottle Co, Theaters, 1st Christan Church). Staff will work on compiling a list for commission members to sign up for.

II. Roll Call & Introductions

- All were present

III. September 4, 2012 Minutes Approval

- Steve made a motion to approve the minutes with some minor edits. David seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. City Liaison Report –

- City is working cooperatively with the Trust on the Academy and Post Hospital buildings. The Academy is in good shape except the roof. The problem will be the tower – very unstable – architect says it is not earthquake safe.

V. Unfinished/Old Business

- Greely Building: Steve saw some inconsistencies with the two drawings for the proposal. Since the owners were not present to clarify – the case will be forwarded to the October meeting.
- 104 W. Evergreen Building (By the Bottle): The owner has chosen a final sign design with color and wanted to keep the commission in the loop. The commission all liked the color choices and appreciated the courtesy to show them the final choice.

VI. New Business & Announcements

- American Legion Hall: The new owners of the American Legion Hall in Camas shared with the commission their project of purchasing and now renovating the building. They are a group of engineers and scientists that manufacture tools locally for plant physiology. They sell to those developing crops for research purposes – mostly universities – around the world. Leonard Felix shared some of the history that they had discovered about the building. It was built by the Legionnaires in the 1920s and designed by architect D.W. Hillborn. Just recently they got their hands on the 1920s blueprint and are thinking of re-implementing that design's ideas. The building is currently a shell. They will be building floor space for their machine shop – maintaining the exterior outside shell. They will/have changed windows to approximate similarities – all wood. The building was clad in cedar shake. When they pulled off some – they found panel-batten siding underneath. The owners would like to apply for historical status to utilize the incentives. They also stated they would like to reconnect to the legionnaires and allow them to use the building after hours, if interested. The remodeling is currently underway. The discussion from the commission included:
 - The dance floor has been removed - Floor plan is the same – restoring hardwood floor
 - Not National Register eligible because of the changes to the interior – the walls have been removed
 - No survey has been done
 - Nothing remains except the shell of building and windows
 - Original plans show board/batten siding but unclear if that was the actual siding that was put on entire building during construction. American Legion looked through notes from 1930s but found nothing. Only one panel of siding was found to be board/batten. Roof was changed to asphalt at some point – they will be using same material.
 - 11,000 square feet
 - Porches were closed in at some point
 - Only found 1 older photo from 1960s – with the cedar shingles
 - Steve suggested that the owners provide some clarity on what is original and what is new on the building for the nomination information
 - Hillborn was a significant architect and a veteran
 - The commission would like the owners to send original and permit plans to them
 - November 16th – construction should be complete
- Camp Bonneville: Jacqui shared some photos taken at Camp Bonneville during a recent site visit. The county is looking at turning part of the camp into a regional park. Some of the buildings need repair. Jacqui would like to solicit some help from the architects and archaeologist on the commission to assist in providing suggestions and assistance to the county for this effort. She will keep the commission updated as this project moves forward. There will be a push soon to repair the roofs since that is the major issue right now. It would be helpful to get an assessment of the buildings by a historic structure professional to provide the county suggestions for repairs/renovations.
- Annual Election of chair and vice-chair: The commission re-elected Andy Gregg as chair and Doug Wilson as vice-chair for the 2012-2013 commission. Congratulations!

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.