

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 2015 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

The Historic Preservation Commission suspended their meeting to walk across the street for a site visit to RA Long Park. Bill Kasch presented the proposed location for two new Veteran's memorial markers. Ivona Kininmonth presented options for paving block colors and sidewalk tinting colors to the commission.

The meeting resumed at 6:24 pm

Abe Ott, Cam Hanna, Jonell Day Kenagy, Gary Nordin, Tom Anderson, Bill Kasch and staff, Adam Trimble was present. Doris Disbrow was absent. Also present was RA Long Principal Rich Reeves.

Rich Reeves presented a proposal to remove two evergreen trees growing in front of the high school in the median strip. They may be Spruce trees. He points out that the evergreen trees do not lose their needles. They have been trimmed but not effectively. He is concerned that at many times during the year a viewer cannot see the clock tower at RA Long from the street.

Principal Reeves notes they may place some historic street lights there in the future. Concerns about mowing and design stand in the way of replacing any of the low ground cover. Any ground cover or planting would need to be designed for a mower or tractor to access the area at full width.

Rich notes that there are 4 no-parking signs (crooked) and an ugly street light that is also leaning. He emphasized decluttering the view from the road. The group approved the proposal to remove the trees by unanimous vote.

The agenda returned to consideration of color sample recommendations from staff for the RA Long Park renovation project:

Mr. Hanna asked for an approval of the two favorite color samples presented. Gary Nordin provided the color names: brick red and dark grey. Abe Ott made a motion to approve the 'brick red' and 'dark grey' colors as well as the color mixture presented for the fountain wall. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commission moved to CA 2015-7.

Mr. Hanna asked staff to work harder to present a complete application to avoid not having the details when the group meets. Staff agreed. Abe Ott stated that he felt unable to contribute much to the design of the project, not being a veteran. Others echoed the feeling. The group asked for more information in order to make a decision. Mr. Hanna requested that full size cutouts of the proposed markers be prepared and situated so the group can see the proposal. He also requested a computer mockup of the proposed layout of the design for the content of the markers. Abe and others seconded these requests. Abe was curious if the VA could corroborate the names to be listed. Cam, what are the criteria used? Is it where the veteran was born or where they lived when they served? Bill is relying on Sandy Browntree to provide the names. Cam wonders about people who moved around, whether they are included or not. Cam liked the open angle proposed because the existing concrete is rounded. He would like to take a piece of cardboard and move it around to see how it would look. Bill will work with the newspaper to see what names should be

included. The group seemed to think the paper would print the names again. [the paper publishes the list every year]. Cam asked if there is a need to leave room below the Korean War because it is not over...

Tom Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Board Member Comments: Jonell Kenagy noted the Washington humanities has inspired the Cowlitz Historical Museum to have 15 Iraq veterans come together for a conversation to discuss what it is like to go to war and come back. The museum is recruiting people to participate. It will be a conversation format over dinner with participants and a facilitator. A few will go to the Washington Humanities. If anyone knows a veteran please let them know. It is not a therapy session. It will be held at the Cowlitz County Museum.

Jonell shared a post card from the Museum collection- the old Monticello Hotel sign is shown.

REPORTS

Cam Hanna- project Longview met and watched a video on Way finding signs. Longview is looking to partner with Kelso on the design and sign system. Cam thinks the Big Idea money will help with the design phase of the way finding system. An RFP will be put out to see what is recommended. Cam said Kalama just installed way finding signs- a fish and water theme. Abe the trademarking process is concerning. Cam keep it simple; 'the city of vision...' something like that. The whole idea is to take Longview to the next level.

Staff Report - Hired Artifacts to conduct the OWS workshops. Jonell Kenagy noted, we need enough warning so she can tell people about the event and need good advertising. Abe asked if there would be mailers? Staff said the City will pay postage. Abe really liked the schedule Artifacts gave. Staff- contract still pending.

Historic Preservation month: Bill- banner ready for next year.

Final comments: Bill Kasch- regarding way finding signs, he would like to see a sign for people who exit the freeway- how far until you get to Longview. Bill would like to see a sign on the Lewis and Clark Bridge as well.

Adjournment- Tom Anderson Abe 2nd. Unanimous.