

**OREGON STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION
MEETING MINUTES
SPRINGFIELD CITY HALL
LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
225 5TH STREET
SPRINGFIELD, OR 97477
FEBRUARY 18, 2011**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

John Goodenberger-Chair, Robert Hadlow-Vice-Chair, Mary Gallagher, Jeff LaLande, Don Peting, Gail Sargent, Deb Schallert

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

David Liberty

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Roger Roper-Deputy SHPO, Chrissy Curran-Associate Deputy SHPO, Cara Kaser-Architectural Historian, Ian Johnson-Historian, Tracy Zeller-Program Assistant

GUESTS AND PROPONENTS

George Kramer, Duane Ericson, Judith Hassan, Todd Kepple, Ernestina Fuenmayor, Ken Guzowski

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

The committee held a brief review on the rules, policies and procedures of how to conduct a State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation (SACHP) meeting as there is now a new committee chair and member.

WORKING LUNCH

Claire Segiun, Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (NEDCO)

Ms. Segiun discussed how NEDCO develops affordable housing, farmers markets, commercial and residential renovations and helps develop the historic assets of those properties.

PUBLIC MEETING BEGAN AT 1:00 PM

OPENING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Goodenberger called the meeting to order and discussed the role of the SACHP. All committee members and staff introduced themselves.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES OF INTEREST AND CONCERN TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no issues of interest and concern to the public at this time.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda. Mr. LaLande moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Hadlow seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr. Hadlow moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Gallagher seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

UPDATE FROM THE DEPUTY SHPO AND ASSOCIATE DEPUTY SHPO

- Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) director Tim Wood was required to submit his resignation as part of the new budget restructuring. However, after further review, Mr. Wood was reappointed.
- Measure 76 passed this past November. This measure extends lottery funding for OPRD, which will provide stable funding for OPRD in the future.
- Legislature is currently in session. Although there is nothing that directly relates to the National Register, Senate Bill 165 does directly influence OPRD. Senate Bill 165 designates the Oregon Historical Society's (OHS) facilities and assets as historic sites. This would allow OHS to be eligible for lottery funding.
- The National Park Service (NPS) has appointed Stephanie Toothman as their new head. Ms. Toothman comes from Seattle, and is a long-time partner of the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
- The Historic Preservation League of Oregon (HPLO) has announced the "Oregon's Most Endangered Places" program.
- Kuri Gill of OPRD spoke briefly about the Heritage Conference OPRD is holding in Astoria in April.
- SHPO has three temporary employees working on updating our database and making sure all district properties connect so that our online version will be useful. Historic site forms are also being scanned and attached to the online nominations.
- The SACHP website has been updated.

PRESENTATION ON MPD FOR PORTLAND'S WILLAMETTE RIVER ROAD BRIDGES

George Kramer, Heritage Research Associates

Mr. Kramer has been contracted by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to prepare a context document on the ten Willamette River highway bridges in downtown Portland, as well as nominate four of them for inclusion on the National Register. Most if not all of them, have been documented for the Historic American Engineering Record by the state, and have previously been determined eligible for listing in the National Register. The records are focused primarily on the technological aspects of the bridges; however Mr. Kramer would like to expand on Criterion A. Mr. Kramer believes that some of the bridges will also be significant under criterion C, and will be conducting further research.

REVIEW OF PROPERTIES PROPOSED FOR LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Hatch, Charles, House

Rogue River, Jackson County

Presentation made by SHPO staff member Cara Kaser. Testimony was given by Duane Ericson of the Woodville Museum, the proponents. The Charles and Elizabeth Hatch Residence is proposed for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for local significance as an example of well-preserved late Victorian Eclectic architecture that was popularized in the last decade of the nineteenth century.

Mr. Ericson believes the integrity of the exterior is phenomenal, and although the inside does not necessarily still have integrity, the upstairs does.

Mr. LaLande discussed how the exterior is in fine shape. The only non-conforming intrusion would be the addition in the rear of the aluminum slider window and the composition shingles, as they are not of period. This is a fine nomination that only needs a minor correction pertaining to the garage as it is a replica of the stagecoach house and not an original.

Ms. Gallagher noted that McAllister is cited on page 3, but did not find the terminology for the term “eclectic” on the page reference, and is not sure she liked the term Victorian-Eclectic as a style. In the statement of significance, Ms. Gallagher had difficulty seeing the transition from Queen Anne to Classical Revival; she sees it as a “Conservative Vernacular” due to its plainness and lack of detail.

Ms. Sargent does not think this house is spectacular, but there is nothing else similar in Rogue River.

Mr. LaLande moved to forward to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion C. Mr. Hadlow seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Klamath County Armory & Auditorium

Klamath Falls, Klamath County

Presentation made by SHPO staff member Cara Kaser. The Klamath County Armory & Auditorium is proposed for listing in the National Register of Historic Places by Judith Hassan and Todd Kepple, employees of the armory, under Criterion A and Criterion Consideration G for local significance for its association with military activities, and for having an important role for providing space for recreation and entertainment in Klamath Falls and Klamath County.

Judith Hassan stated that most of the older generations of residents in Klamath County have a personal experience with the building, whether it was working as a child selling Coca-Cola bottles during boxing matches, getting married in the building, returning from the war or to attend some sort of entertainment event.

Ms. Gallagher would like this to be nominated under Criterion C as well. Although it is not being nominated under Criterion C, she would like to have seen more description of the roof structure in the nomination. The statement of significance needs to mention that only 25% of the Public Works Administration (PWA) funding went into this building; yet it sounds like the building would not have been built without that 25%. The section on page 14 referring to the MPD context “National Guard Armories of Kansas” as a wave of new armory construction, and the Klamath Armory being one of the earliest of this new wave of armories, seems to “talk up the armory” a bit too much. The Public Works Administration funding for the building’s social history should have been added to the nomination as an area of significance.

Mr. LaLande loves the nomination and agrees with Ms. Gallagher on including Criterion C, but would like it called “late Art Deco” instead. The nomination calls the statues on the front of the buildings “doughboys,” however Mr. LaLande believes they are more forward looking vs. doughboys and therefore should be called “helmeted soldiers.” The statement of significance in Section 8 has a brief history of Klamath Falls, yet it is still too long, and should be shortened. All of the block quotes are unnecessary and should be written in the preparer’s own words to shorten them. The second paragraph on page 14 needs to have more context on the New Deal. Page 16 discusses all the people that stopped in Klamath Falls, yet it needs more context as to why Klamath Falls became a viable stop for national talent.

Mr. Hadlow stated the architecture does include some Streamline Moderne in the sense of the banding along the windows and would like Criterion C included in this nomination.

Mr. Peting agrees that the building was made in a unique way, especially with the arches in the ceilings.

Ms. Sargent likes the way the Statement of Significance was written, and would also like Criterion C included in the nomination. Ms. Sargent loved having the construction photos, but the drawings and room notations were not consistent, and the original drawings were too small to read.

Mr. LaLande agrees with Ms. Sargent regarding the pictures. Mr. LaLande would like to see the original elevations. Ms. Hassan stated there are only partial ones. Mr. LaLande asked that the partial elevations be included in the nomination.

Ms. Gallagher moved to forward to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A and C (with revisions) and Criterion Consideration G. Mr. LaLande seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Lew Williams Chevrolet Dealership

Eugene, Lane County

Presentation made by SHPO staff member Cara Kaser. The Lew Williams Chevrolet Dealership is proposed for listing to the National Register of Historic Places by interested party, Adrian Donovan-Boyd, under Criterion A for its significance on a local level, and under Criterion C for its architecture.

Mr. Hadlow reminded the committee the architectural style was determined as “modern” or “exaggerated modern” at last October’s meeting. He questions whether this nomination nominates what it should. He notes the period of significance is 1960, but wonders whether the pavilion, used car building foundation, and the hardscape around the front be talked about as “contributing,” and the service bay, bottling plant and anything else that was built before or after, be considered “non-contributing;” or re-write the boundary description to focus only on those improvements that are associated with the display pavilion and the pedestals out front. Ms. Kaser mentioned that because this is an addition to the former Coca-Cola plant, it is considered an addition, but the National Park Service (NPS) does not allow additions to be nominated solely.

Mr. LaLande agreed with Mr. Hadlow that this should be nominated under Criterion C and not A. He stated the emphasis should be on the part of the building that is important, which is the showroom and not the bottling plant.

Mr. Goodenberger would be more likely to continue on as initially proposed if the University of Oregon takes off the bottling plant.

Ms. Gallagher questioned where the “cut-off” point in the building would be as this is one building with no space in between; therefore the nomination would have to accommodate the entire property.

Mr. Roper noted that if this is nominated under Criterion C for the showroom only, and in the future the bottling plant is proposed for demolition, then the SHPO could say it would not have an adverse effect from a 106 perspective, however if it is nominated under Criterion A, we could not say that.

Ken Guzowski, a retired preservation planner for the City of Eugene, stated there have been difficulties in the past determining eligibility of this property as well. He does believe, however, the nomination is appropriately prepared and would recommend seeing it be forwarded to the NPS. Any possible issues with demolition in the future can be dealt with by the planning department, historic review process, and SHPO staff.

Mr. Hadlow moved to forward to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A and C for the entire property. Mr. Peting seconded. **The committee approved 6-1 (Mr. LaLande opposed).**

Springfield Motors Buick Dealership
Springfield, Lane County

Presentation made by SHPO staff member Cara Kaser. The Springfield Motors Buick Dealership is proposed for listing to the National Register of Historic Places by the City of Springfield, under Criterion A for its association with the development of transportation during the years immediately following World War II, and under Criterion C for local its significance as a distinctive example of the Streamline Moderne style.

Ernestina Fuenmayor, the nomination preparer, stated there is support for this nomination by the property owners and the city as it is being well-maintained and the community likes it. This is an original building being used for its original purpose and is the only one like it remaining in Springfield with the same qualities.

Ms. Sargent enjoyed the nomination, and did not see anything about it that is not worthy of a nomination. The comment in the Statement of Significance on page 10 stating the McKenzie Highway goes from Springfield to The Dalles is incorrect; it actually goes to Bend.

Mr. LaLande agrees that this building is Streamline Moderne, which is derived from Art Deco, but it was actually a reaction against the verticality that applies to Art Deco. He also added this is a unique example of the area, integrity, and ownership.

Ms. Gallagher was confused reading the nomination as to whether this is the best example of Art Moderne in Springfield, or the best Art Moderne auto garage in Springfield. Ms. Fuenmayor confirmed it is the best example in Springfield for the Art Moderne style.

Ms. Sargent moved to forward to the Keeper of the National Register under Criterion A and C. Mr. Hadlow seconded. **The motion passed unanimously.**

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:00 PM