

Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 24, 2025
Online Meeting via Zoom
5:30pm

I. Call to Order

A regular session of the Historic Resources Subcommittee was called to order by Chair Teri Browne at 5:30pm on the 24th of February 2025. The meeting was held online via Zoom. The meeting was digitally recorded, and minutes were prepared by Hayley Hamann.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Teri Browne, Chair
Sarale Hickson
Tonia Lindquist
Judy Miller
Mark Moore
Heather Ricks
Marisa Swenson

STAFF PRESENT: Hayley Hamann, Administrative Assistant
Austin Ross, Planner II
Terra Wilcoxson, Comprehensive Planning Manager, Staff Liaison

COUNCIL LIAISON PRESENT: Sue Piazza

GUEST SPEAKERS: Kuri Gill, Oregon State Historic Preservation Office

II. New Member Introductions

Four new subcommittee members were appointed by City Council on February 14, 2025. The new subcommittee members introduced were Heather Ricks, Sarale Hickson, Judy Miller, and Tonia Lindquist.

III. Introduction to State Historic Preservation Office

Kuri Gill from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) educated the HRS about the Certified Local Government Program and how it relates to the work that the HRS does. SHPO helps to implement federal programs at the state level. When a property is listed on the National Register or is applying to be listed on the National Register, there is a state process that SHPO administers to provide evaluation and a recommendation to the National Park Service which oversees the National Register.

The Certified Local Government (CLG) Program is intended to be a preservation program on a local level, overseen by SHPO. A Certified Local Government is required to have an inventory of historic places, and to have a committee or board whose intention is to promote preservation in the local community. The HRS is the body that would review and nominate local historic places for the National Register. Grant funding for the CLG program is available to apply for every other year and can be used on projects such as survey work, nomination of historic properties, or public education.

Gill shared ways that she has seen communities use CLG funds and the HRS discussed events that could be held in Gresham. Miller commented that she had participated in a cemetery tour in Portland to which Hickson replied that the Gresham Historical Society does guided cemetery tours each month in the summer. The HRS discussed potentially partnering up on an event with the Gresham Historical Society or inviting members to an HRS meeting to connect.

IV. Other Committee Business

Staff Update- Ross updated the HRS on the status of the reconnaissance level survey of the Downtown area. Dudek is the consultant on this project and the CLG grant is helping fund this work. A draft report is expected from Dudek before the next meeting. Initial survey work shows that there are several properties Downtown that are eligible/contributing.

- Hickson and Piazza suggested inviting the Downtown businesses to the next HRS meeting with Dudek presenting the final findings.

Wilcoxson informed the group that Chair Browne's Chair status is overdue and that she would like to step down. Chair and vice-chair elections to be held at the next meeting.

Council Liaison Update- Piazza shared that City Council is working on the annual budget. She suggested the Zion Building as a potential property for the "Diamond in the Rough" funding that had been brought up.

- The Historical Society is currently working on an application for local designation for this building with the assistance of the Planning Department. The application is awaiting a couple of final documents.

Committee Member Update- Hickson updated the group about an event taking place on March 29th at the Gresham Historical Society called "Inside the Outlook" about the history of the local newspaper. Former Outlook reporter, Anne Endicott, will be storytelling at this event.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.

Chairperson

Recording Assistant

Date

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A full recording of this meeting is available upon request.

*These meeting minutes were approved by the Historic Resources Subcommittee on June 9th, 2025.