

Minutes – Draft
Historic District Design Review Committee Meeting
June 6, 2023

Present: Carol Philips, Gracie Hardy, Terry McQuisten, Haley Hueckman, Ariele Reker, Michael Russell and staff Ashly Pearce

Absent: Gail Duman

1. **Welcome new members, Introductions/Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Carol Phillips.

2. **Review Minutes from December 20, 2022**

MOTION: Terry McQuisten made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ms. Reker. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **1917 Main Street-Painted mural of “Sasquatch” Big Deal Grant.**

The group approved the mural as presented and discussion was held about the BDG and this project approval is approved for grant with the understanding that the grant guidelines would be edited in the near future to clarify that paint and signs qualify for the grant as has been past practices.

After a brief discussion the board intends to include language for signs and murals. Terry mentioned there needs to be consistency. Ashly Pearce will contact previous applicants that were denied so that they may re-apply if they wish to do so. Mr. Russell motioned to approve, and Ms. Hueckman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **1780 Main Street-IOOF building demolition from Jacksons**

Jessica Aguilar, Jacksons representative gave a little background history of previous owner of the building and that no restoration was performed because the building had been found to have extensive structural and environmental issues. The building does not contribute to any historical significance and the current appearance being uncharacteristic of the Baker City Downtown Historical District. She also briefly explained the plan for demolition and somewhat of a timeline. Ms. Reker asked about Jacksons communications with a demo company and Ms. Aguilar said that they plan to have a consultant visit the building on June 15, 2023.

A lengthy discussion amongst board members and downtown business owners asking questions about design plans, planning to add more fuel pumps, etc., the group talked about putting contingencies in place for approval. Ms. McQuisten mentioned that this meeting today is about approving a demolition application... not the new design and so forth. She read out loud the HDDRC guidelines on building demolition. It was agreed upon by Ms. Aguilar and board members that there will be updates on the status of the project in which the public will also be informed and communicated with to keep them up to date as

well. Ms. Reker asked that a documenting process of the salvage of materials if applicable and the demolition process be put into place.

Contingencies for approval are as follows: Phase 1-regular documentation of salvaged materials and regular updates on the demolition process with an update in one year from demolition. Phase 2-submit an application with building plans within 2 years of demolition.

Ms. Reker made a motion to approve with contingencies in place, Ms. McQuisten seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Other Business

Ms. Hardy suggested to the committee that BDG language be reviewed and to make changes/additions if needed. When approving/disapproving adhering to the grant language is of utmost importance and shall include rules/regulations on signs and murals.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 27, 2023 at 8am

Adjourn: Ms. Phillips adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.