

## WCDC Jan. 21, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Rick Stephens, Tim Crampton, Linda Crampton, Chuck Price, Lyn Delph, Sheldon Delph, Mary Lou Andrews, Jim Davis

As this was a joint meeting with the City Council, Weston Parks and Recreation Committee and the Historic Landmark Committee, other community members present: Bill Boyd, Duane Thul, Bob Gilliland, Laura Prado, Loy Knutzen, Tom Delph, Wayne Weise, Dawn Strain  
Also present: Cheryl Jarvis-Smith, ODOT official from La Grande

The majority of this meeting encompassed discussing each section the new \$125,000 Water Street Refinement Plan. This discussion was led by Sheldon Delph and Cheryl Jarvis-Smith, with open input and questions by all community members present. The entire process of public meetings and interfacing with the community will take about nine months. This grant is valid until June, 2015.

After the above discussions were completed we finished the WCDC portion of this meeting. Chuck read the December 2013 meeting minutes and financial report, both passed unanimously. We have \$53.45 left in the park tree and flower grant, the \$5000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation for the covered wagon site and the \$500 donation from the Hodaka Club are being held in separate city budget lines. We have \$410.22 left in our city budget line item and \$1798.20 in our Brick Fund.

Tim read a letter from Laura Prado stating that we should keep in mind that with the new Washington Federal Bank in Milton-Freewater in the future they may be good source of funding for the senior housing project.

Tim also had discussed the purchase of the covered wagon site with realtor Andrea Greer. She had thought that we needed to check with the City Planning Commission and County Planning Committee to ensure that we were in compliance with their ordinances. We may also need to survey the desired property as the Jackson's own only one lot on both sides of the County road to Hwy 204 and thus it will need to be subrogated.

Tom Delph noted that there were property stakes at the covered wagon site, Chuck requested that Tom and Jerry Frison try to get a lot measurement size from the property stakes.

It was noted that we owed Trish Neal \$11.98 for her expenses to post the WCDC minutes on the city website at [go-daddy.com](http://go-daddy.com). Jim made the motion seconded by Lyn to reimburse Trish for these expenses. Motion passed unanimously.

Tim reported that we had received the \$500 donation from the Hodaka Club. It was discussed that we could use some of this money to buy the two sets of banner arms from M+C Machine for \$240. Jim made the motion to buy these two sets of banner arms (one set will be a spare) from M+C Machine, seconded by Lyn. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheldon reported that we still had \$5000 in a prior signage grant in the Gem Theater Acct. in Athena. He thought that this \$5000 could go into our Brick Fund. Tim discussed that we might want to spend about \$3000 of this money for a digital reader board for downtown. Bob Gilliland stated that this money could be used for historical signs in and out of town. Jim made a motion that Sheldon contact Sam Pambrun to move this \$5000 to the Brick Fund, seconded by Rick. Motion passed unanimously.

Laura made a motion to allow Sheldon to browse the internet to attempt to find information for a reader board with a historical appearance for downtown.

Sheldon reported that the Historic Landmark Committee is requesting a \$20,000 grant from the Wildhorse Foundation to refurbish and make the Weston Park restrooms ADA accessible.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 25, at 7 pm.

Cordially submitted,  
Chuck Price, WCDC Secretary-Treasurer

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