



Minutes

**DESCHUTES COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
DESCHUTES SERVICES CENTER
1300 NW WALL STREET, BEND, OREGON, 97703
JANUARY 6, 2025 – 5:30 P.M.**

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I. Call to Order

Chair Rachel Stemach called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm. Historic Landmarks Commissioners present in-person: Chair Rachel Stemach, Christine Horting-Jones (Ex-Officio). Commissioners present via Zoom: Vice Chair Dennis Schmidling, Eli Ashley, Lily Syphers (Ex-Officio). Absent: Lore Christopher, Marc Hudson. Staff present: Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner and Will Groves, Planning Manager.

II. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the November 18, 2024 minutes was postponed to the next meeting in February 2025.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Election of Officers

- Chair Election: Rachel Stemach was nominated and unanimously re-elected as Chair.
- Vice Chair Election: Dennis Schmidling was nominated and unanimously re-elected as Vice Chair.
- Motion: Commissioner Eli Ashley moved to approve the nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Seconded by Dennis Schmidling. Approved unanimously.

V. Action Items

1. *Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Projects.*

- Presentation by Tanya Saltzman, Senior Planner:
 - A summary of ongoing CLG-funded projects and future opportunities was provided; each commissioner that provided suggestions spoke about their ideas
 - Grant priorities include Commissioner training, public outreach, and collaborations on cultural and archaeological projects.
- Discussion Points:
 - Emphasis on Commissioner training opportunities, particularly the Oregon Heritage conference in Spring 2026.

- Development of outreach materials: Story maps and website updates (staff time), brochures (printing and staff time), and Preservation Month/Archaeology Monty activities.
 - Focus on enhancing visibility and partnerships with community organizations, such as Visit Bend and Three Sisters Historical Society.
 - Strategic goals for collaboration with local tribes and highlighting archaeological sites.
- Next Steps:
 - Tanya Saltzman to prepare a revised draft of grant proposals for review at the February meeting, after which the Board of County Commissioners will approve before the application is submitted.

VI. Staff and Commissioner Comments

- **Staff Comments:**
 - Reminder of the next meeting on **February 3, 2025.**
 - Updates to the Goal 5 rulemaking process will be presented at the meetings.
- **Commissioner Comments:**
 - Suggestions for more community involvement in Preservation Month activities.
 - Potential for outreach via email to volunteer networks.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Stemach adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tracy Griffin, Administrative Assistant

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