

## HISTORIC COMMISSION COUNCIL UPDATE APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

### Introduction:

The Ashland Historic Commission is a nine-member citizen committee appointed by the Mayor and reviews planning applications, building permits, and sign permits within the historic districts. The Historic Commission cooperates with developers and property owners to ensure that both new construction and renovation compliments the four National Register historic districts.

Since last year's update, the Historic Commission has:

- ✓ **Reviewed and made recommendations on 8 land use applications, and 86 building and sign permits.**
- ✓ **Provided over 150 volunteer hours for the Thursday afternoon historic review board which provides community members, property owners and design professionals an opportunity to consult on potential and on-going projects in the historic districts.**
- ✓ **Worked with the Public Arts Commission on the "Marking Ashland Places" project in the Railroad Historic District, to commission plaques to mark and commemorate various historic sites in town: be on the lookout for those plaques this upcoming year!**

### Historic Preservation Week, "Discover America's Hidden Gems" May 20-24, 2019

- **On Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, Historic Commissioner Terry Skibby is being honored at the Meese Room in the Hannon Library at SOU from 4-6 pm for his photographic collection now being digitized by the Southern Oregon Digital Archives. **We have postcards here for anyone who knows Terry and wishes to attend.**
- This year National Historic Preservation Week is the third week in May. The Historic Commission will hold the Ashland Historic Preservation Awards ceremony on **Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pioneer Hall located at 73 Winburn Way at 12:30 P.M.**
- On **Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** the Ashland Memorial Mausoleum at the Mountain View Cemetery will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a self-guided tour and a special tour with Commissioner Ellen Babin at 2 p.m.
- On **Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00-3:30 P.M. Commissioner Terry Skibby will lead a tour of the Historic Railroad District beginning at the gazebo on 'A' Street.

The Historic Commission encourages everyone to attend these events - Thank you!

The Historic Commission , as you must know, is made up of volunteers with widely varied skill sets, expertise and knowledge. All have in common, a profound interest in guarding the historic heritage of our town and native area.

But I feel it very important to acknowledge that the professional polish that we, as a group of volunteers muster, is a result of the excellent staff support that we are fortunate to enjoy.

Regan Trapp and Fotini Kaufman help us maintain a level of professionalism and focus, that I believe, we would struggle to attain without the significant help they provide us.

They keep accurate records of meetings, future plans, goals, statistics related to our work, research and invaluable feedback and advice on our varied questions and the challenges we face in working with the public.

Any success our commission achieves is largely a result of the time and energy that they, so generously extend to us in the course of their busy work day efforts.

On behalf of my fellow commissioners, I would like to honor and thank them for their excellent service and support that they provide to us.

Thank you