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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Staff

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer
Susan Johnson, Historic Preservation Coordinator
Mary Crabtree, Administrative Assistant

Date: April 13, 2022

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair
Jennifer Mortensen, Vice-Chair
Sarah Hilsendeger
Alex Morganroth
Lysa Schloesser
Jeff Williams
Deborah Cade, North Slope Ex-Officio

Commissioner Members Excused:

Jonathan Hart
George Zeno

Commission Members Absent:

Jenny Sullivan
Carol Sundstrom
Leah Jaggars, Wedge Ex-Officio

Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Susan Johnson
Mary Crabtree

Others Present:

Alicia Lawver
Anthony Guido
Duke York

Chair Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) convened *to an executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)* at 5:33 p.m., not to exceed 20 minutes.

Steve Victor, Deputy City Attorney, was present.

The Executive Session concluded, and the LPC meeting reconvened at 5:53 p.m.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences

- Jonathan Hart
- George Zeno

B. Approval of Minutes: N/A

There were no minutes to approve.

C. Administrative Review

- 414 N. J St.
- 1112 N. 4th St.
- Lincoln High School retaining wall
- 511 N L St.

5. DEMOLITION REVIEW

A. Gault Middle School

Mr. McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Ms. Lawver provided information regarding demolition and the release of the Request for Proposal (RFP).

Vice-Chair Mortensen asked which buildings were reviewed and demolished.

Commissioner Williams moved that the landmarks preservation commission recommend the main building of Gault Middle School to be formally reviewed as an individual landmark, including Criteria A, C, and G for significance. Commissioner Hilsendeger seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

6. DESIGN REVIEW

**A. 811 N. Ainsworth (North Slope Historic District)
New construction**

Mr. McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Commissioner Schloesser asked if the applicant is the original demolisher.

Commissioner Cade asked if the elevation that faces Ainsworth was expanded.

Vice-Chair Mortensen noted that there was an addition that was approved but not yet built, which is why the design looks wider. She also stated that she is not supportive of moving the entrance from the front as well as the changed pitches in the roofline. Commissioners Williams and Hilsendeger agreed with Vice-Chair Mortensen.

Commissioner Cade would like to see something like what was approved previously and what was there before. Mr. McKnight spoke to Commissioner Cade's concerns. Commissioner Cade stated that they should restore what should still be there and asked what an appropriate new construction would look like here.

Vice-Chair Mortensen spoke on unsanctioned demolitions. Commissioner Williams echoed Vice-Chair Mortensen.

Commissioner Williams moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission deny the application as proposed for 811 N Ainsworth. Commissioner Morganroth seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding more clarity that could be provided from the applicant, guidance for the denial, using the original plans from 2016 for reference.

The motion passed with the following votes:

*Ayes: 5 – Hilsendeger, Mortensen, Morganroth, Schloesser, Williams
Nays: 1 – Bartoy*

Vice-Chair Mortensen commented on seeing a different front window in the next design.

Commissioner Williams echoed Vice-Chair Mortensen's claims and suggested going back to the 2016 design in order to give proper feedback.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission recessed at 6:48 p.m. and reconvened at 6:54 p.m.

7. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. College Park Historic District

Mr. McKnight outlined the staff report as provided in the packet.

Vice-Chair Mortensen brought up the comment about evidence of redlining and noted that other things have contributed to inequity in housing than just redlining.

Vice-Chair Mortensen moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission adopt the proposed Findings and Recommendations as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following votes:

Ayes: 5 – Hilsendeger, Mortensen, Morganroth, Schloesser, Williams

Nays: 1 – Bartoy

Mr. McKnight clarified next steps.

8. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. Events & Activities

- Preservation Month is May and the theme is "Many Voices, Many Stories".
- Preservation Awards Ceremony on May 28, 2022

B. HP Month Preservation Awards discussion

The Commission discussed what day the Awards will take place and the categories for the awards.

Discussion ensued regarding keeping the award categories the same and recognizing Commissioner support at the ceremony.

C. Public Comment

The Commission acknowledged the receipt of public comments received on Gault Middle School and the proposed College Park Historic District.

9. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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