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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Date: August 26, 2020

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair
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Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
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Others Present:

N/A

Commissioner Members Excused:

Holly Stewart
Leah Jaggars

Commission Members Absent:

Jeff Williams

Chair Kevin Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

a. Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2020 and July 8, 2020

The minutes of the meetings on 5/13/2020 was approved with minor spelling corrections, and 7/8/2020 approved as submitted.

4. DESIGN REVIEW

a. 1705 N. Steele St. (North Slope Historic District)

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

Commissioner Hart was concerned that the current porch cover had cut into the original roofline and removing it would potentially further affect the roof appearance. The Commission discussed the concern as well as setback requirement for the property.

Commissioner Hart made a motion: *"I move that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the*

application for 1705 N. Steel Street with a condition that the porch roof is removed.” Commissioner Mortensen seconded the motion.

Commissioner Sundstrom suggested an addition to the motion, requiring enclosed risers for the steps headed to the porch. The Commission concurred.

The amended motion passed unanimously.

5. PRESERVATION PLANNING/BOARD BUSINESS

a. 811 N. Ainsworth – enforcement work plan

Mr. McKnight reviewed background information and major occurrences of the application since its original submittal in 2016, as well as relevant decisions that the Commission had made. Comments had also been received from the property’s neighbors indicating concerns and frustration.

Commissioner Cade wanted more information on what had been done to “stabilize the lot,” and felt that the timeline proposed by the applicant was rather aggressive.

Commissioner Hart made a motion: *“I move that the Landmarks Preservation Commission defer the application to the next meeting, in hope of getting the applicant in front of us.”* Vice Chair Johnson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Hilsendeger asked about the procedures to be followed if the applicant continued to not meet deadlines or requirements. Mr. McKnight responded that, in such case, penalties would be reinstated. He would communicate issues that the Commission had raised to the applicant.

The presented motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, Chair Bartoy would like staff to update the neighbors about the status of the application.

b. Events & Activities Update

Ms. Hoogkamer informed to the Commission of the following:

- The virtual kayak tour of the waterfront guided by Pretty Gritty Tours was in place for September 4.
- Speakers were being scheduled for the virtual lecture series; more information to come.
- The virtual events of last quarter, excluding FORUM 2020, accumulated over 11,000 viewers.

6. CHAIR COMMENTS

In regards to meeting schedule, the Commission would resume meeting twice a month. Administrative reviews would continue in the way they were being done during COVID-19, i.e. 24-hour review for minor projects and 3-day review for those requiring more consideration. Staff was to prepare more materials on this subject for the Commission to review at the following meeting.

Chair Bartoy asked staff to follow up on a required training that members of the Commission were supposed to complete, ensuring the Commission’s compliance with the City’s policy.

The recent announcement by the Archdiocese of Seattle pertaining Holy Rosary Church’s viability was also mentioned. While the parish was deemed unviable, the preservation of the church structure might be attainable.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

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