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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Staff

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer
Lauren Hoogkamer, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
Mary Crabtree, Administrative Assistant

Date: May 26, 2021

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair
Jennifer Mortensen, Vice-Chair
Jonathan Hart
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Roger Johnson
Carol Sundstrom
Lysa Schloesser
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Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Lauren Hoogkamer
Zoe Scuderi

Others Present:

Tyler Hobbs
James Dugan
Morris Aldridge

Commissioner Members Excused:

Holly Stewart
Jeff Williams

Commission Members Absent:

Alex Morganroth

Chair Kevin Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences

- Holly Stewart
- Jeff Williams

B. Approval of Minutes: 4/28/21

The minutes of the April 28, 2021, meeting were approved as submitted.

C. Administrative Review:

- 1019 Pacific Ave., WA Building — design amendment
- 1934 Pacific Ave. — sign face change

4. RESCISSION FROM THE TACOMA REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES – PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW

A. Totem Pole, 801 A Street (Individual Landmark)

Mr. McKnight read the staff report and addendum as provided.

Vice-Chair Mortensen and Commissioners Johnson and Hart expressed appreciation for the community members that have provided public comment, and expressed the importance of honoring the legacies of the tribal members and having the pole removed.

Chair Bartoy asked for clarification on the deaccession process.

Commissioner Hart moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission make recommendation to City Council to delist the totem pole, located at Firefighter's Park. Vice-Chair Mortensen seconded the motion.

Mr. McKnight asked for clarification if the commission finds the proposed findings to be acceptable to support the recommendation of the staff report. Commissioner Hart stated the staff report was thorough and accurate in representing the community feedback provided and agreed with the staff recommendations.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. DESIGN REVIEW

B. 616-B N. I Street (North Slope Historic District) Retroactive window replacement

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

Tyler Hobbs, owner, provided information regarding the proposed window replacement.

Commissioners Cade and Johnson and Vice-Chair Mortensen asked about the duplex windows, related to matching the other side of the duplex, window material and type, which windows were replaced, and if the deterioration of the upper and lower windows was consistent. Mr. Hobbs outlined the scope of work completed.

Discussion ensued regarding the total number of windows and possibly deferring to clarify the final window schedule.

Commissioner Hart asked about the process of when someone has done something that the Commission wouldn't generally approve. Mr. McKnight explained what recommendations the Commission could make and next steps.

Vice-Chair Mortensen expressed support for approving the general replacement design and allowing staff to clarify the full window schedule specifics.

Commissioner Cade asked when the property was purchased. Mr. Hobbs stated he obtained the property in December 2019. Commissioner Cade suggested there be a modification in notifying buyers that homes are in a historic district.

Commissioner Hart asked if the Commission should recommend an in-kind replacement in situations where an individual completes a non-permitted alteration. Mr. McKnight clarified that the Commission could do that and stated that the cost differential could be significant. Ms. Hoogkamer noted that the Commission had recommended alternative materials in the past, such as fiberglass clad, because new wood windows are no longer the same quality as historic wood windows.

Commissioner Hart moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application for 616-B N. I Street pending the final window schedule count and updates from staff. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. BOARD BRIEFINGS

C. Gault Middle School, 1115 E. Division Lane Removal of additions/site clean up

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

James “Jim” Dugan, Program Manager, Parametrix, introduced Morris Aldridge, Executive Director of Planning and Construction, Tacoma Public Schools (TPS). Mr. Aldridge offered opening comments. Mr. Dugan provided an update on Gault Middle School, noting demolition, permits, and future uses.

Commissioner Hilsendeger asked about possible renovations to keep the property attractive to potential buyers and renovations to the roof to preserve the historical integrity. Mr. Dugan outlined measures to secure the property and stated that the roof would require patchwork, not a replacement.

Vice-Chair Mortensen asked if the school district has considered landmarking the building before selling it. Mr. Dugan stated that the final decisions have not been made, but that has been a topic of discussion. Mr. McKnight expressed that TPS has done a great job being engaged with the Historic Preservation Office.

Chair Bartoy asked if TPS has a community engagement plan when deciding the future uses of the school. Mr. Dugan stated that they are working with the Historic Preservation Office and a City Council member for input on community engagement.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission recessed at 6:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

7. PRESERVATION PLANNING/BOARD BUSINESS

A. Heritage Project Grant Panel Recommendations

Commissioner Hart read the summaries of each application requesting grant funds and an outline of the panel's discussion.

Vice-Chair Mortensen moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the panel recommendations for the grant funding. Commissioner Schloesser seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Events

- Historic Register Workshop Recap
- Puyallup Tribe Traditional Place Names Video Series
- Virtual Mystery Series (May 6, 13, 20, 27, and 30 on YouTube/Facebook)
- Historic Preservation Awards (May 28 at 6:00 p.m.)
- Tacoma Noir – a virtual tour of 1920s Tacoma
- Find the Falcon Activity

8. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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