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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: October 11, 2023

Location: Hybrid – Conference Room 243, 747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402 & Zoom Webinar

Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair
Jennifer Baersten, Vice-Chair
Laurel McQuade
Bryan Rousseau
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Deborah Cade, North Slope Ex-Officio

Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Susan Johnson
Mary Crabtree

Others Present:

N/A

Commissioner Members Excused:

Sarah Hilsendeger
Alex Morganroth
Jenny Sullivan
George Zeno

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

McKnight reported that two written comments were received regarding the public hearing and one was received regarding the moratorium.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences:

- Sarah Hilsendeger
- Alex Morganroth
- Jenny Sullivan
- George Zeno

B. Approval of Minutes: 06/14/23

The minutes of the June 14, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

C. Administrative Review:

- 820 N J St – new garage/shop
- 1018 N. 7th St – minor exterior alterations

5. PUBLIC HEARING

**A. Immanuel Presbyterian
901-909 North J Street**

Chair Bartoy called the public hearing to order at 5:35 p.m.

McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Chair Bartoy called for testimony. No individuals addressed the commission.

Chair Bartoy closed the public hearing at 5:39 p.m.

Vice-Chair Baersten moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission recommend to City Council that 901-909 N. J St., be included on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, including the exterior of the building finding that it does meet all criteria listed. Commissioner Rousseau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. DESIGN REVIEW

**A. 1224 N. I St.
Siding, porch columns**

McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Discussion ensued regarding the City's error in issuing the building permit, appreciation for staff and the applicants, the inverted "V" framing element, the railings on the porch, and the windows.

Vice-Chair Baersten moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application for 1224 North I Street as submitted with the addition of the under-eave trim. Commissioner McQuade. The motion passed unanimously.

7. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. Review of moratorium hearing debrief

McKnight provided an overview of the moratorium public hearing, including Resolution No. 41226, a summary of public comments, potential considerations for the Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC), and a review schedule.

Vice-Chair Baersten noted that she is the president of Historic Tacoma and has been recusing herself from all conversations on this topic at their meetings.

Discussion ensued regarding Resolution No. 41226; diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); the timeline on Comprehensive Plan code changes; discouraging community members from initiating a nomination; if LPC can work on improving the code and review a nomination if one was submitted concurrently; if LPC has appropriate guidelines to make a recommendation on a nomination; potential effects of a moratorium; and duration and scope of the moratorium; and the communication process between LPC and Planning Commission.

The Commission agreed that they do not support a moratorium.

B. Equity Committee updates

Johnson reported that there was a meeting at Evergreen on the Underrepresented Communities Grants for Tacoma's Black Heritage, and noted that there was interest in hearing from Vice-Chair Baersten on other potential grants.

C. Events & Activities

- A site visit for the Commission has been arranged on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. to the Willamette Casket Building.
- A public kick-off meeting for the South Tacoma Mixed Use Center Historic Property Survey is planned for

Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the Metro Parks STAR Center (3873 South 66th Street) at 6:30 p.m.

8. CHAIR COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Baersten requested an update on the Gault Middle School campus.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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