



RESOLUTION NO. 41618

1 A RESOLUTION relating to historic preservation; adding the proposed landmarks to
2 the Tacoma Register of Historic Places and imposing controls for the
3 following properties: Wapato Park, located at 6500 South Sheridan Avenue;
4 McCormick Building at the Wheelock Branch Library, located at 3722 North
5 26th Street; Mottet Branch Library, located at 3523 East "G" Street; and
6 Shurz House, located at 411 South "M" Street; said landmarks designated by
7 the Landmarks Preservation Commission under Chapter 13.07 of the
8 Tacoma Municipal Code.

9 WHEREAS the Tacoma Landmarks and Historic Districts Code,
10 Chapter 13.07 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), establishes a procedure for
11 the designation and preservation of structures and areas having historical, cultural,
12 architectural, archaeological, engineering, or geographic importance, and

13 WHEREAS, pursuant to TMC 13.07.050, the nomination of Wapato Park,
14 located at 6500 South Sheridan Avenue ("Property"), was submitted by Metro Parks
15 Tacoma, for inclusion on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, along with the
16 requisite application materials, and

17 WHEREAS the Landmarks Preservation Commission ("Commission")
18 reviewed the request on July 10, 2024, and held a public hearing on
19 September 11, 2024, to receive public comment on the historic significance of the
20 Property, and

21 WHEREAS, pursuant to TMC 13.07.050, the nomination of the McCormick
22 Building at the Wheelock Branch Library, located at 3722 North 26th Street, and the
23 Mottet Branch Library, located at 3523 East "G" Street ("Properties"), was submitted
24 by Historic Tacoma with the endorsement of the Tacoma Public Library Board of
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Trustees, for inclusion on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, along with the
requisite application materials, and

WHEREAS the Landmarks Preservation Commission ("Commission")
reviewed the request on September 11, 2024, and held a public hearing on
October 9, 2024, to receive public comment on the historic significance of the
Properties, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to TMC 13.07.050, the nomination of the Shurz House,
located at 411 South "M" Street ("Property"), was submitted by
the Property owners, for inclusion on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, along
with the requisite application materials, and

WHEREAS the Landmarks Preservation Commission ("Commission")
reviewed the request on November 13, 2024, and held a public hearing on
December 11, 2024, to receive public comment on the historic significance of the
Property, and

WHEREAS, according to TMC 13.07.040, the Commission found that the
Properties meet the eligibility requirements for listing on the Tacoma Register of
Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, based upon said findings, the City Council believes that it would
be in the best interest of the City to designate the Properties described below as
historic landmarks and place them on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places; Now,
Therefore,



BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

1 Section 1. Designation. That, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 13.07
2 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), the City Council of Tacoma approves the
3 designation of the following Property as a historic landmark and places said
4 property on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places:
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6 **(1) Wapato Park**

7 More particularly described as: 6500 South Sheridan Avenue,
8 Tacoma, WA 98408

9 Parcel No.: 0320292027

10 Legal Description:

11 THAT PORTION OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE
12 NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH,
13 RANGE 03 EAST, W.M., LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF MAP OF
14 WAPATO LAKE VIEWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF
15 RECORDED IN VOLUME 2, PAGE 129, RECORDS OF PIERCE
16 COUNTY AUDITOR;

17 EXCEPT THE EAST 300 FEET OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH
18 HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST
19 QUARTER THEREOF;

20 AND EXCEPT ROADS;

21 TOGETHER WITH THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTH 128.22 FEET OF
22 LOT 3, AND ALL OF LOTS 4 THROUGH LOT 16, INCLUSIVE, IN SAID
23 WAPATO LAKE VIEWS, LYING EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF SOUTH
24 ALASKA STREET;

25 EXCEPT SOUTH 72ND STREET;

26 ALSO,

 BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 20,
 TOWNSHIP 20 NORTH, RANGE 03 EAST, W.M., 150 FEET EAST OF
 THE INTERSECTION OF SAID LINE AND THE EAST LINE OF THE
 MAP OF WAPATO LAKE VIEWS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT
 THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 2, PAGE 129, RECORDS OF
 PIERCE COUNTY AUDITOR;

 THENCE WEST ALONG SAID SECTION LINE 150 FEET;

 THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF LOTS 2 AND 3 OF
 SAID PLAT 100 FEET;

 THENCE EAST 150 FEET;



THENCE SOUTHERLY TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;
AND ALSO,
THAT PORTION OF TRACT 'A', WAPATO LAKE VILLA SITES,
TACOMA, WASHINGTON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF
RECORDED IN VOLUME 11, PAGE 61, RECORDS OF PIERCE
COUNTY AUDITOR, LYING SOUTHERLY OF THE SOUTH LINE OF
THE NORTH 25 FEET OF LOT 33 OF SAID PLAT, EXTENDED
WESTERLY TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID TRACT 'A'.

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WASHINGTON.

based upon satisfaction of the following standards of TMC 13.07.040, that the

Property:

- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; and
- G. Owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood or City.

(2) McCormick Building at the Wheelock Branch Library

More particularly described as: 3722 North 26th Street,
Tacoma, WA 98407

Parcel No.: 7475013831

Legal Description:

NORTH 120 FEET OF TRACT 'A' OF BLOCK 43, AMENDED MAP OF
SECOND SCHOOL LAND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF TACOMA,
ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED FOR RECORD IN BOOK 7, PAGE 79
ON JULY 22, 1903, IN THE OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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WASHINGTON.



based upon satisfaction of the following standards of TMC 13.07.040, that the

Property:

- A. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;
- C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- E. Abuts a property that is already listed on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places and was constructed within the period of significance of the adjacent structure; and
- G. Owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood or City.

(3) Mottet Branch Library

More particularly described as: 3523 East "G" Street,
Tacoma, WA 98404

Parcel No.: 2087270011

Legal Description:

LOTS 1 THROUGH 4, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK 8727, THE TACOMA LAND COMPANY'S FIRST ADDITION TO TACOMA, W.T., ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED FOR RECORD JULY 7, 1884, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

SITUATE IN THE CITY OF TACOMA, COUNTY OF PIERCE, STATE OF WASHINGTON.

based upon satisfaction of the following standards of TMC 13.07.040, that the

Property:

- A. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history;



C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; and

G. Owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristics, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood or City.

(4) Shurz House

More particularly described as: 411 South "M" Street,
Tacoma, WA 98405

Parcel No.: 2004250050

Legal Description:

LOT 6 AND THE SOUTH 3.00 FEET OF LOT 5 IN BLOCK 425, MAP OF NEW TACOMA, WASHINGTON TERRITORY, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT FILED FOR RECORD FEBRUARY 3, 1875, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR;

TOGETHER WITH THE WESTERLY 10 FOOT OF ALLEY ADJOINING OR ABUTTING THEREON, WHICH UPON VACATION, ATTACHED TO SAID PREMISES BY OPERATION OF LAW, VACATED BY ORDINANCE NO. 2773 OF THE CITY OF TACOMA;

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(ALSO KNOWN AS REVISED PARCEL 'A' OF AMENDED RECORD OF SURVEY FOR BOUNDARY LINE AGREEMENT RECORDED UNDER RECORDING NUMBER 201905135002, RECORDS OF PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON.)

based upon satisfaction of the following standards of TMC 13.07.040, that the

Property:

C. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and



distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;

- E. Abuts a property that is already listed on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places and was constructed within the period of significance of the adjacent structure.

Section 2. Controls. A Certificate of Approval must be obtained from the Landmarks Preservation Commission pursuant to TMC 13.05.040 et seq., or the time for denying an application for a Certificate of Approval must have expired before the owners may make alterations or changes to the Property:

1. Wapato Park:

- Changes to exterior of the historic accessory buildings/outbuildings, site, and historic landscaping;
- The historic accessory buildings/outbuildings include the Bathhouse/Concessions (Pavilion), Rustic Style picnic shelters (1930s); and
- The site and landscaping features include the stone bridge, stone entrance plinths, Pergola, Rustic stone drinking fountain, alpine garden and waterfall pond, and historic walkways and paths.

2. McCormick Building at Wheelock Branch Library:

- Changes to exterior of the original library building (1927) and historic addition (1959);
- The 1988 addition, all interiors, the site and landscaping are excluded from the designation controls.

3. Mottet Branch Library:

- Changes to exterior of the original library building (1930) and historic additions (1963-64, 1976).



4. Shurz House:

- Changes to exterior of the principal house (1891) and outbuilding (1892 carriage house).

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Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Legal Description Approved:

Deputy City Attorney

Chief Surveyor
Public Works Department