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Date: December 8, 2021

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Sarah Hilsendeger
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Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Susan Johnson
Lauren Hoogkamer
Mary Crabtree
Zoe Scuderi

Others Present:

Antoinette Broussard
Marshall McClintock

Commission Members Excused:

Jonathan Hart
Alex Morganroth

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Chair Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences

- Jonathan Hart
- Alex Morganroth

B. Approval of Minutes: 8/11/2021

The minutes of the August 11, 2021, meeting were approved as submitted.

C. Administrative Review

- i. **515 N J St—covered deck**

5. PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Bartoy called the public hearing to order at 5:38 p.m.

A. Nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places

- i. **1219 S 13th St., Henry and Nettie J. Asberry Residence**

Ms. Scuderi read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Marshall McClintock and Antoinette Broussard provided comment on the nomination and Nettie Asberry history.

Mr. McKnight stated that additional public comment was received after the original comments were posted and can be found as an addendum.

Vice-Chair Mortensen disclosed that she is a board member of Historic Tacoma, who is a partner in the nomination; however, neither she nor Historic Tacoma have financial interest in the nomination.

Chair Bartoy called for testimony on 1219 S 13th St. The following community members testified:

1. Carol Mitchell, Tacoma City Association of Colored Women's Clubs.
2. Huy Pham, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation
3. Michael Sullivan – was not able to testify due to technical difficulties.

- ii. **832 N Steele St., Pratt Residence**

Ms. Scuderi read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Chair Bartoy called for testimony on 832 N Steele St. The following community members testified:

1. Marshall McClintock

B. Amendments to Commission Bylaws

- i. **Expanded Administrative Review Policy**

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

Chair Bartoy called for testimony on the Expanded Administrative Review Policy. No community members testified.

Chair Bartoy closed the public hearing 6:06 p.m.

A. Nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places

- ii. **1219 S 13th St., Henry and Nettie J. Asberry Residence**

Several Commissioners expressed appreciation and support of the nomination.

Commissioner Williams moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission recommend to City Council that 1219 S. 13th St., Henry J. and Nettie J. Craig Asberry House, be included on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, including the following elements – the house, yard and garage – finding that it does meet Criteria A & B of TMC 13.07.040. Commissioner Hilsendeger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

iii. **832 N Steele St., Pratt Residence**

Commissioner Williams moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission recommend to City Council that 832 N Steele St., Pratt House, be included on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, including the exterior of the house and garage, finding that it does meet Criteria A and C of TMC 13.07.040. Vice-Chair Mortensen seconded.

Discussion ensued regarding Criteria E.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Amendments to Commission Bylaws

i. **Expanded Administrative Review Policy**

Commissioners Hilsendeger and Cade expressed appreciation for this update.

Vice-Chair Mortensen moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission accept the changes as submitted. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission recessed at 6:21 p.m. and reconvened at 6:27 p.m.

6. NOMINATIONS TO THE TACOMA REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

A. College Park Historic District

Discussion of preliminary recommendations

Mr. McKnight presented an overview of the proposed College Park Historic District discussion, including a review process summary, a recap of prior discussions, and contents of preliminary recommendation.

The Chair facilitated a discussion regarding the preliminary recommendation, noting the nomination, language on district significance, preliminary boundaries, guideline draft framework, and district exemptions.

Chair Bartoy suggest that the Commission proceed with caution when deciding guidelines, since the nomination still has to go through the Planning Commission and the City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding adding language about solar panels and adapting that language to all districts, using North Slope guidelines as a template, making district specific revisions to the guidelines later versus now, the process of moving the recommendation forward, allowing more flexibility in the guidelines, relaxing the window guidelines, and allowing for more accessibility within the guidelines.

Discussion continued regarding how to address and manage larger issues and separating that from this nomination, specific issues that can be addressed now, the Commission's responsibilities, next steps in the process, advocating additional resources for staff, and outreach when establishing guidelines.

7. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. Officer Elections

Commissioner Johnson nominated Kevin Bartoy as Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and Jennifer Mortensen as Vice-Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Kevin Bartoy was re-elected as Chair and Jennifer Mortensen was re-elected as Vice-Chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission by unanimous consent.

B. Events & Activities

- The Nettie Asberry Life and Influence with Tacoma City Association of Colored Women's Club has been postponed.
- Tacoma's LGBTQ History by the Rainbow Center on January 20th, 2022

C. Communication Items

Mr. McKnight communicated to the Commission that there is an email in the packet from Jeff Ryan regarding historic sidewalk stamps within the College Park National Register Historic District. He further stated Commissioner Sundstrom provided an article – which is in the packet – on Historic Preservation and Affordable Housing from preservationists' views.

Commissioner Stewart asked if Public Works can keep an eye out for additional sidewalk stamps within the City.

8. CHAIR COMMENTS

Mr. McKnight stated that the Asberry House Project has requested a letter of support from the Commission for their grant application.

Commissioner Hilsendeger asked when the interviews for new commissioners and incumbents will be conducted at the Infrastructure, Planning, and Sustainability Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.