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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Staff

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer
Susan Johnson, Historic Preservation Coordinator
Paige Rooney, Historic Preservation Intern
Mary Crabtree, Administrative Assistant

Date: April 12, 2023

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

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Susan Johnson
Paige Rooney
Mary Crabtree

Others Present:

Michael Sullivan

Commissioner Members Excused:

Deborah Cade, North Slope Ex-Officio

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Johnson reported that there were no written comments received for public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences

- Deborah Cade

B. Approval of Minutes: 10/26/22 & 12/14/22

Vice-Chair Baersten noted that on the December 14, 2022, meeting minutes, under item 7B, the line that reads “Chair Bartoy agrees with Vice-Chair Mortensen about the wooden door...” should read “Chair Bartoy agreed with Commissioner Hilsendeger about the wooden door...”.

The October 26, 2022, meeting minutes were approved as submitted. The December 14, 2022, meeting minutes were approved as amended.

C. Administrative Review:

- 2106 Pacific – signage

5. PUBLIC HEARING

**A. Willamette Casket Building
2916-2926 South Steele Street**

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

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

Michael Sullivan provided additional background and a video of the exterior of the building.

Chair Bartoy called for testimony. The following individuals testified:

1. Josie Emmons-Turner
2. Russell Holter
3. Ed Echte

Chair Bartoy closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Vice-Chair Baersten suggested adding contemporary history or artist history on the nomination form.

Vice-Chair Baersten moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission recommend to City Council that 2916-2926 S. Steele Street, the Willamette Casket Building, be included on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, including the exterior of the 1907 and 1922 portions, excluding 1950, and finding that it does meet Criteria A, B, C, and G of TMC 13.07.040. Commissioner Hilsendeger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. Equity Committee updates

There was no Equity Committee update.

B. Events & Activities

- The annual Preservation Awards nomination form is live and can be submitted through May 3, 2023.
- The 2023-24 Heritage Project Grant cycle is open, and applications for grant funding are due April 28, 2023.
- May is Historic Preservation Month. Some of the events planned include:
 - I. May 2: City Council Proclamation and annual program report
 - II. May 4: Free public workshop/demonstration at Earthwise Architectural Salvage (628 East 60th Street) on reclaimed/salvaged lumber at 1:00 pm.
 - III. May 6: Community Archives Center will host "Hilltop Story Fest" at 11 am, at Tacoma Community House (1314 South L Street)
 - IV. May 25: Annual Preservation Awards ceremony
- Tacoma History Quest 2.0 will be running through May, with a new set of clues to solve.

7. CHAIR COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Baersten invited everyone to the 2023 Washington State Historical Society History Awards on April 22, 2023, at the Washington State History Museum at 6:00 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.