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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Date: August 28, 2019

Location: 747 Market Street, Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 243

Commission Members in Attendance:

Roger Johnson
Marshal McClintock
Jennifer Mortensen
Carol Sundstrom
Lysa Schloesser
Holly Stewart
Jeff Williams

Commissioner Members Excused:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair
Alex Morganroth

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Lauren Hoogkamer
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Others Present:

Katie Pratt, Northwest Vernacular
Chris DeWald, The Rush Companies
Dan Vurpillat, Urbal Architecture PLLC
Alex Dalzell, Urbal Architecture PLLC
Lance Kagey, ROTATOR
Nikky Amsden

Commissioner Jeff Williams, filling in for Vice-Chair Ken House who has resigned, called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda was approved as submitted.

a. Excusal of Absences

- Alex Morganroth

b. Administrative Review

- 1027 North Steele—porch repair
- 2802 North Carr—deck replacement

4. NOMINATIONS TO THE TACOMA REGISTER —PRELIMINARY REVIEW

a. 423 North D Street, Charles Hebard and Franke Tobey Jones House

Commissioner Williams recused himself as he sold the house to the current owner. Commissioner Johnson presided over the review.

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

Katie Pratt, Northwest Vernacular, introduced the homeowner in attendance, Nikky Amsden. Ms. Pratt provided background information on the house, including the architects that built the house and its first owners, the Watson family. When the Jones family bought house, they added a portico and a garage that are still standing. Ms. Pratt went on to present the exterior and interior, highlighting details that exemplified the Colonial Revival style of the house. She also provided extensive background on the Jones family, especially their philanthropic work. Additionally, a list of owners and occupants since the Watson family was presented, along with information on four architects – Pickles & Sutton and Russell & Babcock – that were significant in the construction of the house.

Commissioner Schloesser made a motion: *"I move that the Landmarks Preservation Commission adopt the analysis as findings and schedule 423 North D Street, Charles Hebard and Franke Tobey Jones House, nomination for a public hearing and future consideration at the meeting of September 25, 2019."*

Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

5. BOARD BRIEFINGS

a. 5 South G Street, Merrill Gardens – Interpretation & Project Introduction

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

Alex Dalzell, Urbal Architecture, gave an overview of the site and the Scottish Rite Temple that was previously demolished. He went over the floor plan of each floor and façade of each side. Also presented were the materials and color palette of the new building, which were chosen intentionally to match the First Presbyterian Church next door. Mr. Dalzell introduced four interpretive panels that would be put on the wall on South G Street side. The panels would explain the history of the Scottish Rite Temple. Katie Pratt, Northwest Vernacular, went in details on what information each panel would cover and the materials as well as dimensions of the panels.

Commissioner McClintock expressed appreciation for the proposed building being pushed back to expose the First Presbyterian Church from the corner of Division Avenue and South G Street.

Commissioner Williams commented on the lighter color at the upper portion of the building. The color contrasted with the rest of the building and took attention away from the church. The architects explained that the lighter color was intended to break up the mass and large surface of the building. Commissioner Williams would like it to be less contrasted or in warmer tone. He also commented on the amount of colors and their placement on the building, which he deemed distracting. Commissioner Sundstrom suggested keeping the gradient of colors but switching to their equivalent in warm tone. She proceeded to point out the material of the wall that would host the interpretive panels was not welcoming and neither was the uninterrupted siding of the shaft/stair tower.

Discussion ensued pertaining alternatives for the lower portion of the building.

6. PRESERVATION PLANNING/BOARD BUSINESS

a. Naming Policy Update

Mr. McKnight reported that the City Council adopted the revised naming policy last week, which provided for the Landmarks Preservation Commission to be consulted in instances where the naming would have a historical component or might affect historical resources.

b. Events & Activities Update

- Ms. Hoogkamer commended Commissioner Sundstrom on her Remodeling Vintage Home workshop. A lot of positive feedback was received.
- The Facebook event for the North Slope Walking Tour had 1000 "Interested" people.
- Mr. McKnight informed the Commission of the Archdiocese's decision to demolish the Holy Rosary Church. However, the church is a landmark on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places and any demolition or alteration would require permits from the City, which would need approval from the Landmarks Preservation Commission.
- Mr. McKnight also notified the Commission about the TAC Wheeler (Verizon) appeal.

7. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

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