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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Date: October 28, 2020

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Staff Present:

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Others Present:

Kristin Lynett, *Sustainability Officer*

Commissioner Members Excused:

N/A

Commission Members Absent:

Deborah Cade

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

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as submitted.

a. Approval of Minutes: October 14, 2020

The minutes of the meeting on 10/14/2020 were approved as submitted.

b. Excusal of Absences: N/A

c. Administrative Review:

- 1754 Pacific—ATM removal

4. **PRESERVATION PLANNING/BOARD BUSINESS**

a. City of Tacoma Climate Justice Plan

Mr. McKnight provided the objective of the discussion, as indicated in the staff report.

Kristin Lynett, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, began her presentation with a poll asking for the Commissioners' opinions about how much progress the City of Tacoma was making on sustainability, climate,

resiliency, and justice. The responses ranged between 2 and 4 on a 1 (Great) to 5 (Poor) scale, most being in the middle. Ms. Lynett stated that the local climate was getting warmer and explained its consequences. Also explained were the significance and impacts of the 1.5°C temperature increase. The City of Tacoma was taking a multi-faceted approach to mitigate the impacts – such as tree-planting, electric vehicles, chemical and gas treatment, green building designs, etc. Ms. Lynett went on to present the timeline for the updated plan between September 2020 and September 2021.

Questions from the Commission ensued. Commissioner Mortensen asked about the community engagement strategy, especially for the upcoming months with the pandemic restrictions. Vice-Chair Johnson commented that this effort would require everyone to be on board and active in order to be successful. In response to Commissioner Hart's question regarding actions the Commission could take to support the plan, Ms. Lynett suggested taking into account the climate justice element in their decision-making and offered to come back in the next phase of the plan for further collaboration. The discussion was concluded with an activity where the Commissioners imagined their life in 2030.

b. Commissioner Elections

Mr. McKnight informed the Commission that the Bylaws had no formal process or requirements prescribing how an election should occur, thus leaving it up to the Commission to proceed as they would see fit.

Chair Bartoy, while willing to continue serving as Chair, invited nominations from other Commissioners for the position. Several Commissioners vocally supported Chair Bartoy continuing in his position. Vice-Chair Johnson and Commissioner Mortensen were nominated for the Vice-Chair position. The Commissioners were in agreement that Chair Bartoy would remain Chair and Commissioner Mortensen would be Vice-Chair.

c. Events & Activities Update

Ms. Hoogkamer provided updates on the Virtual Heritage Café Lecture Series, and a virtual tour “Tacoma: Then & Now” guided by Pretty Gritty Tours on November 21st.

5. CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Bartoy initiated a discussion, regarding update from the Commission's equity and inclusion workgroup with Historic Tacoma and how the Commission could be more pro-active in anti-racism effort aligning with the City Council's Anti-Racism Resolution (Resolution No. 40622, adopted on June 30, 2020). Mr. McKnight stated a number of issues that could be addressed, one of which was the difference in levels of historic preservation work in different parts of the City. The Commission discussed the “equity pause,” the racial representation on the Commission, outreach and education for residents in under-served neighborhoods. A retreat was proposed for Spring 2021.

The upcoming scheduled meeting on November 11th would be cancelled in observance of Veterans Day. Staff proposed having a special meeting on November 18th. The Commission concurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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