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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Staff

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

Date: April 8, 2026

Location: Hybrid – Council Chambers, 747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402 & Zoom Webinar

Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair
Sarah Hilsendeger
Maddie Levesque
Anahita Modrek
Alex Morganroth
Lysa Schloesser (arrived at 5:35 p.m.)
George Zeno (arrived at 5:38 p.m.)
Gia Mugford, Wedge Ex-Officio

Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Susan Johnson
Mary Crabtree
Mike Carey
Adam Nolan

Others Present:

N/A

Commissioner Members Excused:

Jennifer Baersten, Vice-Chair

Commission Members Absent:

Deborah Cade, North Slope Ex-Officio

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No written comments were received for public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences:

- Jennifer Baersten

B. Approval of Minutes: 01/28, 02/11, 02/25, & 03/11/2026

The minutes of the January 28, February 11, February 25, and March 11, 2026, meetings were approved as submitted.

C. Administrative Review:

- 410 S. M St – garage rebuild, repair
- 1111 N. M St – work on 3 windows
- 1950 S. C St. (UW-Tacoma campus) – utility updates

5. BOARD BRIEFINGS

A. City Tree Policy, Heritage Tree Program *Informational overview*

Johnson read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Commissioners Schloesser and Zeno arrived here at 5:35 p.m. and 5:38 p.m., respectively.

Mike Carey, Urban Forestry Program Manager, provided an overview of the Heritage Tree Program, including the regulatory constraints, maintenance and protection, and a Heritage tree map.

Discussion ensued regarding right-of-way tree removals, replacements and mitigation requirements of removed trees, ownership and consent for Heritage Trees in the right-of-way, and Washington Champion Trees.

Adam Nolan, Senior Planner, presented the Tree and Landscape Code update, including background, project scope, schedule, and upcoming engagement.

Discussion ensued regarding maintenance of trees after development, equity-related issues and the Tacoma Urban Forestry Story Map.

6. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. Historic Preservation Awards

Johnson read the staff report. McKnight outlined online nominations.

The Commission discussed numerous local individuals, organizations, and businesses to select the 2026 Historic Preservation Award winners. This year's Historic Preservation Awards categories and recipients are as follows:

Award Category	2026 Recipient
Excellence in Historic Preservation	Clerks House Reconstruction - Fort Nisqually Living History Museum
Outstanding Achievement in Cultural Preservation	Noir Preneurship
Outstanding Heritage/Legacy Business	Bob's Bar-BBQ Pit
Outstanding Achievement in Housing	Wright Park Condos Association Renovation of 720 Sixth Avenue
Outstanding Achievement in Leadership in Preservation	Brendan A. Nelson
Outstanding Achievement in Partnerships in Preservation	Job Carr Cabin Museum
Outstanding Achievement in Neighborhood Revitalization	South Tacoma Business District
Outstanding Achievement in Renovation	Oakland Secondary School
Outstanding Innovation in Preservation and Outreach	Michael Lafreniere
Outstanding Career Achievement	Professor Emeritus Michael Honey

Commissioner Hilsendeger moved to accept the slate of awardees shown above. Commissioner Levesque seconded

the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Equity Committee Update

There were no Equity Committee updates.

C. Events & Activities

- Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHiP) has been holding a monthly book club and webinar series on the 4th Monday of each month, with each session focused on a different chapter of the National Park Service's Finding a Path Forward: Asian American Pacific Islander National Historic Landmarks Theme Study (2018). The next session will be Monday, April 27.
- The presentation on The Art & History of Dune Peninsula at Point Defiance Park scheduled for March 13 was cancelled due to the snowstorm that day. Claire Keller-Scholz of Parks Tacoma has recorded her presentation, and it is now available to watch via the Tacoma Historical Society's YouTube channel.
- The WA Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) will hold the next Ask a Trades Expert online question and answer session on Wednesday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- Write253 will host a book launch to celebrate Tamiko Nimura's new memoir, "A Place for What We Lost," on April 28 from 6-8 p.m. at 1102 Tacoma Ave South, Suite 208. Also, mark your calendars for the Tacoma Wayzgoose Printmaking Festival on May 1 and 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Tacoma Historical Society is seeking volunteers for the 2026 Historic Homes Tour on May 2nd and 3rd.

7. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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