

## Members

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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:** September 10, 2025

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

### Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair  
Laurel McQuade  
Bryan Rousseau  
Lysa Schloesser  
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### Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight  
Susan Johnson  
Mary Crabtree

### Others Present:

Diane Wiatr  
Jennifer Schreck

### Commissioner Members Excused:

Jennifer Baersten, Vice-Chair  
Sarah Hilsendeger  
Anahita Modrek  
Alex Morganroth

### Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Chair Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.

### 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

### 2. ROLL CALL

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No written comment were received for public comment.

### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

#### A. Excusal of Absences:

- Jennifer Baersten
- Sarah Hilsendeger
- Anahita Modrek
- Alex Morganroth

#### B. Approval of Minutes: N/A

There were no meeting minutes for approval.

**C. Administrative Review: N/A**

**5. BOARD BRIEFINGS**

**A. Tacoma Dome Link Expansion**  
***Freighthouse Square / Close to Sounder***

McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Diane Wiatr and Jennifer Schreck presented an overview of the Tacoma Dome Link Extension, including project timeline, Board actions, the preferred alternative, and Freighthouse Square historic context.

Discussion ensued regarding impacts on Freighthouse Square, the tail tracks, the importance of retaining its identity and community character, incorporating historic elements into the new station design, relocation services for tenants, and keeping the community informed and involved in the design process.

**6. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS**

**A. Equity Committee Update**

There were no Equity Committee updates.

**B. Code Amendment Update**

McKnight outlined the Planning Commission's recommendations for the Historic Preservation code update to City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the historic district designation and overlay, the review process, the definition of "prominent facades" and how it will be applied in practice, administrative reviews, and potential impact on homeowners and developers.

**C. Events & Activities**

- The statewide annual historic preservation conference, PLACES, will be held in Gig Harbor on October 8-10, 2025.

**7. CHAIR COMMENTS**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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