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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: February 11, 2026

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

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Deborah Cade, North Slope Ex-Officio (departed at 5:55 p.m.)
Gia Mugford, Wedge Ex-Officio

Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Susan Johnson
Mary Crabtree

Others Present:

Ellen Mirro
Mercedes Wetmore

Commissioner Members Excused:

George Zeno

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Chair Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:33 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:

- George Zeno

B. Approval of Minutes: 09/10, 09/24, 10/08, 10/22/25

The minutes of the September 10, September 24, October 8, and October 22, 2025, meetings were approved as submitted.

C. Administrative Review: N/A

5. SPECIAL GUEST

A. Council Member Sandesh Sadalge

Council Member Sadalge addressed the Commission.

6. BOARD BRIEFINGS

A. Tacoma's Black Heritage Survey Project *Update on project status*

McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet. Ellen Mirro outlined the project best practices.

Commissioner Cade departed here at 5:55 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding coordinating with colleagues to expand and consolidate best practices, potential nominations and criteria for the National Register of Historic Places, and the Community Heritage Register.

B. 1315 N. 11th St. (North Slope Historic District) *Proposed siding replacement, infill/DADUs construction*

McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet. Mercedes Wetmore provided additional details

Discussion ensued regarding the design, including siding materials, window orientations, the unit lot subdivision, the importance of following district guidelines, roof details, entry design, and landscape plans.

7. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. 2026 Historic Preservation Month

McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Commissioners reviewed the existing award categories and agreed they are broadly working well and can be kept, with minor re-ordering/grouping for clarity. The commission selected Thursday, May 21, 2026, as the awards night, and debated potential theme titles for Historic Preservation Month.

B. Equity Committee Update

There were no Equity Committee updates.

C. Events & Activities

- February is Black History Month! Celebrate with Tacoma Public Library's events, booklists, and more. All library branches will participate in a Black Inventors Scavenger Hunt on February 10 from 12-7:30 p.m. The Moore Branch will host a Black Artist Spotlight that same day.
- The 3rd Annual Summit on Black Historical Preservation will be hosted by Evergreen State College Tacoma on Saturday, May 9th.

8. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

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