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Tonie Cook, Landmarks Coordinator

# MINUTES

## Landmarks Preservation Commission
### Community and Economic Development Department

Date: January 25, 2012 LPC15/12
Location: 747 Market Street, Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248

Commission Members in Attendance:
Mark McIntire, *Chair*
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Daniel Rahe
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*Staff Present:*
Reuben McKnight

*Others Present:*
Milt Tremblay, Harlan Patterson

Commission Members Absent:

Commissioners Marshall McClintock and Duke York

Chair Mark McIntire called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

## 1. CONSENT AGENDA

### A. Excusal of Absences

Commissioners Marshall McClintock and Duke York were excused.

## 2. CHAIR COMMENTS

No comments.

## 3. BOARD BRIEFINGS

### A. Hood Street Corridor – University of Washington Tacoma

Mr. Milt Tremblay, Facilities Director, introduced Mr. Harlan Patterson who represents the new design team from Oregon.

He then explained there were three new design options, in which each retain the rail line; he noted the design options are all part of the public reach at this time.

He stated that the UW will focus on one option for Phase 1, which is located in the corridor area between the two libraries. Phase 1 includes the development of some of the design elements. He stated the library will open before Phase 1 is complete, noting safety will be considered when Phase 1 opens.

He explained that the area along Hood Street is part of the University Master Plan and drainage, processing water with a natural filtration or diffferent methods, will be incorporated along the trail; it will be a passive bikeway and walking area with sitting areas.

He presented the three options: Option A, Rail Spurs with spurs shown along the trail; Option B includes Dockson Channels, combining docks with stormwater channels and coal bunker remnants, and Option C, Garden Rooms is based on a series of rooms that ties into the character of the buildings and the different spaces. Option C also allows for seasonal use with the summer dry period for use as a plaza/gathering space.

Commission comments included:
Commissioners asked about the maintenance program with the incorporation of wood and the infiltration system.
Commissioner Ken House stated he prefers Option A because of the suggestion of rails; he liked the rails in all the areas, the historic aspect and rail corridor remnants such as the switching iron.
There appears to be more flexibility in Rail Spur, Option A.
Option B appears to be more contrived; Option B does not seem to fit.
Prefer Option A because it flows with the space and maintains the rail with more opportunities for interpretation along the way.
Option C looks more flexible with open space but preference is for Option A because of it retains the rails.

Sharon Winters, Historic Tacoma, noted concerns about how far the designs appeared to be moving from the historic narrative; there was discussion on the purpose of the grant funding, which is to process stormwater, and the importance of retaining the historic aspect such as the rail crossings, stockhouses, and dog houses, and if not here, to locate these rail items in other spaces in the City of Tacoma.

Mr. Tremblay stated that these are preliminary concepts which will change.

Commissioner House asked for an update on the Heidelberg sign and Japanese Language School.

Mr. Milt Tremblay stated they were in the final stages of developing the Heidelberg ghost sign display that will be installed on the ground floor in the Joy Building; photos of the ghost signs will be incorporated into the display.

Commissioner Ken House asked for an update on the sign display before it is finalized.

Mr. Milt Tremblay stated that he would return to the Commission regarding the sign.

He further reported that preliminary design work by sculpture Gerard Tsutakawa might be an element on the trail, however, there is work needed on fundraising. He stated this element incorporated along the trail will provide a remembrance to the Japanese Language School.

In addition, Mr. Tremblay reported on the recently approved banners for the UWT campus which will be installed.

Commissioner Daniel Rahe asked if there had been consideration regarding the long-term water and drain patterns and which design would be best for retrofit at a later date?

Mr. Tremblay commented that at least for the next ten years, the water needs to drain off the top and offered that no consideration is accommodated for retrofit.

## 4. BOARD BUSINESS/PRESERVATION PLANNING

A. Design Guidelines Update for 2012

Mr. Reuben McKnight reported that the committee to update the Wedge & North Slope Historic Districts design guidelines was established in 2011. He explained that changes to guidelines can now be adopted by the

Commission during its annual update. He noted several items that will be review topics including: economic hardship/feasibility language (such as appropriate alternative materials), sustainability language/green development, and the incorporatation of Secretary of Interior's Standards into the design guidelines to provide clarity so that there is a stated approach for desire and intent, and include ADA information, and other items such as skylights, telecommunication equipment and satellite dishes.

The upcoming process will review these topics as well as other ideas that may be suggested by the Commission and/or citizens.

B. Chair Mark McIntire noted the Historic Preservation Month committee will be meeting in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Submitted as True and Correct:

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Reuben McKnight
Historic Preservation Officer