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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Date: March 13, 2013

LPC 41 /13

Location: 747 Market Street, Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248

Commission Members in Attendance:

Ken House *Chair*
 Edward Echtle, *Vice Chair*
 Ross Buffington
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 Marshall McClintock
 James Steel
 Duke York

Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
 Tonie Cook
 Diane Wiatr

Others Present:

Commission Members Absent:

Commissioners Katie Chase, Jonah Jensen and Daniel Raye

Chair Ken House called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Excusal of Absences

Commissioners Katie Chase, Jonah Jensen and Daniel Raye were excused.

B. Administrative Approvals

The Administrative Review Summary listing projects approved from February 6 through March 6, 2013 were accepted.

2. BOARD BRIEFING

1. Prairie Line Trail

Mr. Reuben McKnight introduced Diane Wiatr, Active Transportation Coordinator.

Ms. Diane Wiatr presented background on this one-mile project, citing progress by several partners and sections of the trail. The University of Washington Tacoma's design portion is complete, their construction is expected to be final at the end of the year; The City is negotiating to purchase sections of the trail and until this is complete the City cannot pursue grants.

She described the physical, cultural and historic influences on the trail design and challenges such as stormwater run-off. She talked about the many partners folded into this one-mile project because of their location adjacent to the trail and now, are involved in preparing the trail for active use. Further, there is the public art plan's role and the involvement by the Prairie Line steering committee to develop goals for the design. She talked about the neighboring spaces and potential future sections of the trail.

Comments and questions:

- Is there a plan for historical interpretation along the trail?
- Foss Connector portion, the overpass area as part of the trail: Is there discussion to continue the trail?
- UWT's initial plan removed the rails and LPC requested rails and switches be retained.
- The rails will continue in railways ownership.
- What is the status of the TAM addition?
- Does the 20' right of way preclude the rails? This may be the biggest design constraint with many possibilities for design.
- It is important to have interpretation of what was there historically and to not become just a bike/walking area.
- The two ends of the start and end of the trail are significant vantage points to understand the trail is only a segment that is being saved and there can be opportunities for telling the entire history.
- Preserve history but make it relevant (via the public art and in other ways) for today.
- Next Steps: Prepare the design proposal and return for additional comments and, finalize the design by June 2013, including with ownership to pave the way to apply for grants to fund the project.

3. BOARD BUSINESS/PRESERVATION PLANNING

Historic Preservation Month: Reuben McKnight talked about the upcoming annual recognition of historic preservation, nationally in May.

A draft letter for the state historic preservation awards was reviewed by the Commission.

There was a motion:

"I move that we, the Landmarks Preservation Commission, endorse the letter to honor Murray Morgan Bridge as a State SHPO recipient for historic preservation".

MOTION: York
SECOND: Luce
MOTION: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted as True and Correct:

Reuben McKnight
Historic Preservation Officer