

## Members

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# MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission  
Planning and Development Services Department



## Staff

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer  
Lauren Hoogkamer, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer  
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Date: October 24, 2018

Location: 747 Market Street, Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 243

## Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair  
Ken House, Vice-Chair  
Roger Johnson  
Jennifer Mortensen  
Alex Morganroth

## Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight  
Amylena Figueroa

## Others Present:

Claire Keller-Scholz  
Tom Swanson

## Commission Members Excused:

Lysa Schloesser  
Jeff Williams  
Marshall McClintock

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

## 1. ROLL CALL

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Excusal of Absences
- B. Administrative Review
  - 2156 Pacific Avenue - Sign

The consent agenda was approved.

## 3. NAMING REQUESTS – PUBLIC HEARING

### 3427 Ruston Way, Judge Jack Tanner Park

Mr. McKnight read the staff report.

## BACKGROUND

Metro Parks Tacoma is requesting to rename the 4.92-acre Marine Park, at 3427 Ruston Way, Judge Jack Tanner Park. The park would commemorate Judge Tanner's contributions to civil rights and social justice in Tacoma. The parcels currently known as Marine Park were sold to the City of Tacoma and Metro Parks in the 1970s/80s. On February 13, 2018, the Park Board decided to rename Marine Park in honor of Judge Jack Tanner (1919-2006) as part of Metro Parks commitment to social equity, inclusion and diversity, key elements of the Strategic Master Plan formally adopted by the Park Board in January 2018. Judge Tanner was the first African-American in the Pacific Northwest to be appointed to the federal bench as a district court judge. He presided over several landmark cases involving social and environmental justice in Washington and Tacoma.

On September 12, 2018, the Landmarks Preservation Commission voted to schedule the request for a public hearing.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

There is no action required. The comment period will remain open for 30 days following the close of this hearing.

Ms. Clair Keller-Scholz, Metro Parks, stated that she fully endorsed the application. Commissioner Johnson noted that three parks in a row have been named after prominent citizens. He doesn't have any problem with that, but feels that the parks are losing some of their marine aspects in the names. He noted that something like Jack Tanner Marine Park could be an option, to hang onto the historic context of the park. Ms. Keller-Scholz stated that she can ask further questions and will bring that comment back to Metro Parks.

Chair Bartoy closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

#### **4. DESIGN REVIEW**

##### **721 Pacific Avenue (Old City Hall Historic District) Awning**

Mr. McKnight read the staff report.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Built in 1890, this building is a contributing structure in Old City Hall Historic District. The applicant is proposing an awning over the existing outdoor seating area. The fabric awning would span all three window bays and be attached to the existing fencing with supporting posts; the top would be anchored into the brick. In response to staff's request, the applicant has revised the proposed awning to include open ends instead of closed. The awning will not include any text or graphics.

#### **ACTION REQUESTED**

Approval of the above scope of work,

#### **STANDARDS**

##### **Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings**

2. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
9. New additions, exterior alterations or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

#### **ANALYSIS**

1. This property is in the Old City Hall Historic District and, as such and, is subject to review by the Landmarks Preservation Commission pursuant to TMC 13.05.047 for exterior modifications.
2. No historic material is being removed or altered. All drilling will be at the mortar joints.
3. The new work is differentiated from the old; however, the awning does obstruct a large part of the façade.
4. The awning could be removed without harming the building.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff defers recommendation.

### Recommended language for approval:

*I move that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application for 721 Pacific Avenue, as submitted.*

### Recommended language for denial:

*I move that the Landmarks Preservation Commission deny the application for 721 Pacific Avenue, based on the following [cite applicable standards.]*

Mr. Swanson noted that the company is familiar with having to adhere to historical rules and regulations. He brought some examples of work the company has done that require historical review.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the 4 inch vertical piece in front asked if that was set in stone, or is there a possibility there will be hanging, loose, fabric flapping in the breeze. Mr. Swanson stated that in order to maintain warranty on the fabric, we like to keep it under as much tension as possible to not let the water bag.

Commissioner Mortensen asked if they were looking for any guidance on color choice. Mr. Swanson stated they would prefer to stay with the color black if possible. They use vinyl based materials.

Commissioner Johnson asked about the lighting. Mr. Swanson noted that they could draw up a rendering, but it would be accent lighting, or LED depending on what is needed of the aesthetics. Each post cap had an LED fixture already.

Commissioner Johnson asked: When the awning is up will you have external heaters? Mr. Swanson stated that he will start with the awning and see how it goes from there.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion.

*"I move that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application for 721 Pacific Avenue, as submitted."*

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morganroth, and the motion passed unanimously.

## 5. PRESERVATION PLANNING BOARD BUSINESS

### 2018 Events

1. Fifth Annual Holiday Heritage Swing Dance (6-9pm @ Tin Can Alley, Nov. 4th)

Mr. McKnight encouraged anyone who is interested in the Swing Dance to attend.

## 6. CHAIR COMMENTS

The Chair had no comments.

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