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Date: September 25, 2013
Location: 747 Market, Tacoma Municipal Bldg, Room 248
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Please note assigned times are approximate. The Chair reserves the right to alter the order of the agenda.

1. ROLL CALL

2. CONSENT AGENDA
   A. Excusal of Absences
   B. Meeting Minutes

3. DESIGN REVIEW
   A. Fireman’s Park Totem Pole
      Structural stabilization

4. BOARD BRIEFING
   A. Old City Hall (625 Commerce – Old City Hall Historic District)
      Status Update

5. BOARD BUSINESS/PRESERVATION PLANNING
   A. Commissioner Terms

6. CHAIR COMMENTS

Reuben McKnight
Historic Preservation Officer

Next Regular Meeting: October 9, 2013, 747 Market Street, Tacoma Municipal Bldg., Rm. 248 5:30 p.m.

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DESIGN REVIEW

AGENDA ITEM 3A: 801 A Street (Fireman’s Park Totem Pole)

Staff

BACKGROUND
The Tacoma Totem Pole was commissioned by Tacoma civic boosters and curio shop owners Chester Thorne and William Sheard in 1903, and installed at a location near its present location the day before President Theodore Roosevelt arrived in Tacoma. Reported to have been carved at a cost of $3000, the pole was intended to rival Seattle’s infamous Pioneer Square Totem Pole and is symbolic of a broader historical narrative surrounding the role of the Puget Sound in the Alaskan Gold Rush and the internationally significant Alaska Yukon Exposition that was being planned for 1909. The symbols and carvings on the pole are of unknown origin but are suggestive of Haida style of northwestern British Columbia. The pole is not of Coast Salish origin or design.

The pole has been undergoing a structural and condition analysis by the City this year. On April 12, 2013, during this analysis, structural engineers under contract with the City determined that there was a significant risk of structural failure due to rot and deterioration. The Public Works Director ordered the immediate temporary bracing of the pole, while city engineers began working on a strategy for long term external bracing.

This is an application to install a single bracing pole behind the Totem Pole, with brackets attached to two points of the pole, to stabilize in place. Three options for bracket design are being presented to the Commission.

PRIOR MEETINGS
April 24, 2013: Staff briefed the Commission on the status of the pole and tentative plans to stabilize the pole. During this briefing, several Commissioners questioned the cultural appropriateness of the plan, due several cultural factors, and requested that staff further research traditional practices related to declining totem poles, the history and meaning of the Tacoma Totem Pole (including the significance of the symbolism), and whether the pole was legitimately carved.

May 7: Staff convened a working group to discuss and further research these questions. The outcome of this discussion was that most appropriate course of action for cultural and safety reasons was that the pole should be removed and relocated to a place where it could decompose, and that every interpretive opportunity to educate the public about the history and context of the pole, and totem poles generally, be explored.

May 8: The Landmarks Preservation Commission directed staff to gather additional information regarding the safety issues and costs associated with stabilization, and additional analysis should be done regarding the history of the pole.

June 4: The Tacoma Arts Commission convened a De-Accession Review Panel to consider the removal of the Totem Pole from the Municipal Art Collection, per the Municipal Art Collection De-Accession Policy. The panel voted unanimously to retain the pole in the Municipal Art Collection. The panel did not arrive at a consensus regarding the best approach to deal with the pole, other than to conclude that it should be preserved either standing, or stored protected in an indoor location.

June 12: The Commission was briefed on options regarding the preservation of the pole. Staff provided a briefing on the structural bracing options and costs.

STANDARDS
APPLICATION FOR DESIGN REVIEW
COMMERCIAL AND MULTIFAMILY

Please include ALL of the following information with your application. Insufficient application materials will result in a delay in processing of your application. If you have any question regarding application requirements, or regulations and standards for historic buildings and districts, please call the Historic Preservation Officer at 253.591.5220.

PART 1: PROPERTY INFORMATION

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*Application must be signed by the property owner to be processed. By signing this application, owner confirms that the application has been reviewed and determined satisfactory by the owner.

APPLICATION FEE

Please see the fee schedule on page 2.

Estimated project cost:       See Attached

Application fee enclosed (please make payable to City of Tacoma):  

The Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) is the designated review board to approve or deny proposed changes to designated historic buildings and districts. Review criteria are available at the Planning and Development Services Department (253) 591-5220 and on the city website. Information on standards and guidelines can be found in Tacoma Municipal Code 1.42 (Landmarks Preservation Commission) and 13.07 (Special Review Districts).

12/18/12
PART 3: PROJECT SCOPE AND DESCRIPTION
Please use the space below to describe the project. Attach additional pages if necessary. All proposed changes must be included in this description. Please see NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION CHECKLIST (next page).

This is a project to stabilize in place the Tacoma Totem Pole.

Bracing will consist of a 50.5’ steel pole mounted on a drilled shaft concrete foundation, with braces extending to the totem pole at 25’ and 50’.

Bracing will be attached to the totem pole using a combination of timber bolts inserted through the pole and lag screws. There are three proposed brace design options:

- Type 1 uses a combination of through bolts and lag screws to attach a half circle brace to the back of the pole, which will then be attached to the support pole via an 8 inch pipe brace.
- Type 2 eliminates the through bolt and instead uses lag screws to attach a full circle collar, which would band around the totem pole using ¼” X 4” steel plate. The pipe brace would be the same as Type 1.
- Type 3 uses the same attachment (a semicircular brace attached with timber bolts and lag screws), but uses a flat ¼” steel plate to attach the collar to the support pole.

Both Type 1 and 3 require more attachment points but do not require a steel band to run around the front of the pole. Type 2 has less penetrations but the bracing would be visible from the front.
**Construction Cost Estimate - Tacoma Totem Pole with Steel Pole Bracing**

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**Total:** $28,121

**Notes:**
1. Maintenance of the totem pole is provided by the City separately.
2. Steel costs include gloss black single component moisture cured polyurethend paint with 2 coatings.
3. Removal of temporary fence and shoring is provided by the City separately.
4. Contractor contingencies, overhead management, and site security are not included.
The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Preservation apply to this project. Note that these standards are different than the Standards for Rehabilitation. The four Secretary of the Interior’s Standard approaches are Rehabilitation, Preservation, Restoration, and Reconstruction.

1. A property will be used as it was historically, or be given a new use that maximizes the retention of distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships. Where a treatment and use have not been identified, a property will be protected and, if necessary, stabilized until additional work may be undertaken.

3. Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Work needed to stabilize, consolidate, and conserve existing historic materials and features will be physically and visually compatible, identifiable upon close inspection, and properly documented for future research.

ANALYSIS

1. The Tacoma Totem Pole is a City Landmark, and any alterations to it that affect its appearance requires the approval of the Landmarks Preservation Commission prior to those changes being made, per TMC 13.05.046.

2. The pole is primarily significant for its association with the early development of Tacoma, the Alaska-Yukon Gold Rush and its effects on the development of commercial activity in the Puget Sound region.

3. The pole is not of Coastal Salish origin or design. Although the style of the pole has been described as being suggestive of Haida, the identities and cultural backgrounds of the carvers is unknown, and the carved elements themselves are atypical in dimension and design.

4. According to an engineer’s report issued on April 12, 2013, examination of the pole indicated that there was a significant risk of sudden structural failure due to deterioration. The pole was temporarily braced as a result, and remains this way currently.

5. The Landmarks Preservation Commission has received status updates and requests for feedback at meetings on April 24, May 8, and June 12.

6. The proposed bracing design will support the pole in place, avoiding the risks associated with removal and reinstallation of the pole and costs associated with transport and storage, thus meeting Secretary of the Interior’s Standard for Preservation #1.

7. The single support pole will be placed behind the Totem Pole and will be painted black, to both be distinguishable from the historic pole as well as be visually subservient, thus meeting Secretary of the Interior’s Standard for Preservation #3.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval as submitted.

BOARD BRIEFINGS

AGENDA ITEM 4A: Old City Hall Update (625 Commerce – Old City Hall Historic District)

Staff will provide an update to the Commission regarding the current status of the ongoing enforcement action.

BOARD BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 5A: Term Expirations and Appointments

Staff will discuss upcoming term expirations and vacancies.

PENDING AGENDA ITEMS

October 9: Old City Hall roof and gutters (tentative)

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