

## Members

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# MINUTES

## Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Date: March 14, 2018

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

### Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair  
Ken House, *Vice-Chair*  
Roger Johnson  
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Jeff Williams  
Jennifer Mortensen  
Alex Morganroth  
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### *Staff Present:*

Reuben McKnight  
Lauren Hoogkamer  
Alison Wilkerson

### *Others Present:*

Hubert Hoover  
Susan Hoover  
Kristi Evens  
Alicia Lawver  
Ed Schau

### Commission Members Absent:

Ken House  
Jennifer Mortensen

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

## 1. ROLL CALL

## 2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Excusal of Absences

B. Approval of Minutes: 1/10/18

C. Administrative Review

- 913 North Ainsworth—windows
- 910 North M Street—cellar windows
- 1921 Commerce—UWT awning
- 844 North Grant—chimney
- 710 South J Street—addition rebuild

Commissioner Johnson commented that on the 710 S J Street, the renovations were inappropriate.

## 3. SPECIAL TAX EVALUATION

A. 402 North K Street (North Slope Historic District)

Mr. McKnight read an overview of the staff report.

Applicant Mr. Hoover commented that his renovations and restorations have helped keep the home historic.

Commissioner Steel comments he thinks that it's great that the house been taken care of in a thorough approach.

Commissioner Williams made a motion.

*"I move that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the Special Tax Valuation application for 402 North K Street, in the amount of \$123,607."*

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion was approved.

#### 4. BOARD BRIEFINGS

##### A. Dickman Mill Park Expansion and Head Saw (Individual Landmark)

Ms. Hoogkamer read staff report

#### **AGENDA ITEM 4A: Dickman Mill Park Expansion and Head Saw (Individual Landmark)**

*Kristi Evens & Peter Hummel, MetroParks*

The Dickman Mill Park Expansion and Head Saw Project is made possible by a private donation to the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma. The centerpiece of the Project is returning the historic Dickman Mill Lumber Company head saw to the site for public display and interpretation and expanding the existing Dickman Mill Park. The head saw will be returned to Dickman Mill site and will be surrounded by a public plaza and viewing areas.

Ms. Keller-Sholz briefed the Commission about the history of the Head Saw. She is hoping that it can be restored. She commented that the saw is significant because the saw represents the lumber industry of Tacoma at that time, and it's the last saw of its type that has not been modified to cut smaller logs. She is happy to have the opportunity to re-host the saw at its original site.

Ms. Evens explained how the funding of the saw originated. Mr. Hummel, project manager for the Head Saw project, presented a Power Point of the Head Saw detailing the origin, history, and background of the saw's life and locations to current day. He also detailed the proposed location plans for the saw and the aesthetics of the walkway and enhancement's around the saw.

Mr. McKnight explained that the Dickman Head saw itself is a city designated landmark while the Mill Park is not. This is a landscape design project that incorporated a historic feature, and the Commission has jurisdiction over the parts of the saw.

Mr. McClintock asked Mr. Hummel what alternative 2 was. Mr. Hummel explained that it was essentially an alternative that was a combination of alternative 1 and 3, that was more land based.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the project would require new concrete pouring for the support of the carriage for the project. Mr. Hummel answered that the concrete is sound and the team would only need new connective pieces but not a new concrete structure and pilings. Mr. Hummel further discussed the pilings in conjunction with the project. Chair Bartoy asked if Metro Parks is going to work with DNR for the complete removal of the burnt pilings on the property. Ms. Evens Answered that because of different funding, they are more quickly able to complete the project. Additional questions were asked and discussed, including a maintenance plan.

Commissioner Williams comments that a potentially better route to capture the story of the log would be to have story panels rather than to recreate something that's too literal and not particularly historic such as the fake log. Chair Bartoy asked if this location has been recorded as an archeological site. Mr. Hummel responded that they are trying to get more clarification on that as it has not been officially recorded so far.

##### B. 3701 North 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington Elementary (Individual Landmark) *Mural*

Mr. McKnight read the staff report.

**AGENDA ITEM 4A: 3701 North 26<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington Elementary (Individual Landmark)**

*Alicia Lawver, Tacoma Public Schools/Principal Ed Schau, Washington Elementary*

Built in 1906 Washington Elementary in and Individual Landmark on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places. Principal Ed Schau is requesting to install a student-produced mural to the exterior of the historic school. The mural was created as part of the senior project for Ella Munizza, then a Tacoma School of the Arts senior and Washington Elementary alum. Ms. Munizza worked with two fourth-grade classes to create the mural, also consulting with local mural artist Chelsea O'Sullivan.

Principal Schau would like to install the mural on the North 26<sup>th</sup> Street side of the original section of the Washington Elementary School (see attached illustration). A representative from York Enterprises with experience in historic restoration has advised anchoring the 16x8 mural to the mortar to avoid damaging the historic brick. The mural has also been clear-coated to preserve the color and integrity of the paint.

Applicants Ed Schau, Principal of Washington Elementary, and Alicia Lawver spoke with the Commission regarding the permission to install a student created mural. Discussion ensued regarding the mounting of the frame of the mural. Commissioner ? asked if a decision has been reached regarding the length of time the mural would be left up. Ms. Lawver responded that there have been discussions regarding the topic, but a final decision has not been reached yet. Further discussion ensued in regard to the proposed location of the mural. A proposition was made to move the mural to the left of the downspout.

Commissioner Williams made a motion:

*"That the practically of the placement of mural be left to the school district and for administrative review with Ruben and Lauren."*

Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

**5. PRESERVATION PLANNING/BOARD BUSINESS**

A. Design Review Application Changes

Mr. McKnight gave an overview of agenda item 5A:Design Review Application Changes.

**AGENDA ITEM 5A: Design Review Application Changes**

*Staff*

The Accela Team will walk the Landmarks Preservation Commission through the new Design Review application on the online Tacoma Permits system. In April 2018, the Landmarks Design Review Application will switch to the Accela online permitting system. We hope to complete the full transition in May 2018.

Ms. Ward with Planning and Development Services spoke about the reasons why Accela has been chosen to be integrated into the application process. Accela provides a digital platform for the application process which also reduces paper waste. She then gave a demonstration of how Accela works and what customers would be viewing.

Mr. McClintock commented that he is concerned about the flagging process for historic homes in the system. Further discussion ensued regarding Accela implementations for customer handling.

Ms. Ward explained that customers can attach many documents throughout the process the customer can view what stage the permit is at, and if it's been routed for review, has a decision been issued. The customer can go in and view the attachments and pay fees online.

Further discussion ensued regarding the permit application process in Accela, and the historic landmark permitting process.

Mr. McKnight Explained that for customers who won't know how to use Accela, there is a specific Application Services division who can guide customers through the process and walk them through step by step for support.

B. UW Livable City Year Presentations

**AGENDA ITEM 5B: UW Livable City Year Presentations**

*UW Students*

Eleven University of Washington (Seattle Campus) architecture and urban planning students are conducting a two-quarter study of identifying historic and diverse neighborhoods in the city of Tacoma. The city currently has eight historic districts that reflect a rich past of the city. The students explored these and additionally looked at other neighborhoods of the city that have historic and architectural stories to tell in order to see how they might contribute to the preservation of architectural and cultural resources. In the winter quarter course (ending March 9), students had a series of guest presentations, learned about historic districts, researched the history of Tacoma and worked directly with the city of Tacoma's Preservation Office. Students have also spent time getting to know three neighborhoods by car and on foot, as well as researching their diverse cultures, economics, architecture, planning, landscapes and histories.

The students will be presenting their mid-project findings to the Landmarks Preservation Commission on their research of three historic Tacoma neighborhoods: Lincoln, McKinley and South Tacoma. Each group will present briefly for 10 minutes followed by discussion.

Mr. McKnight Introduced the project, which is part of a program called Livable City that includes 11 UW students. There is increasing interest in historic preservation in neighborhoods. The students were in charge of gathering support.

Ms. Rogers-Merlino, introduced had the students introduce themselves before explaining more in depth the project they were working on.

Students begin the introduction, and present their findings in detail. There were three neighborhoods that the student's project covered.

In South Tacoma the study area was about a 3 ½ mile radius, with only one registered landmark.

Commissioner Johnson asked if any interviews with business owners along the South Tacoma Way area had been conducted during the course of this project, to see how they are faring with the preservation of their business. The students commented that is one of their next steps.

The findings were that McKinley District is overwhelmingly mainly residential and the boundaries are clearly defined. Only one home is registered as a land mark thus far. In 1903 the Tacoma Railway and Power company built street car lines in Tacoma, which helped to develop the city. 1:59:20 Development also increased when the hospital for the workers was built in 1905. The McKinley area was developed enough to have its own schools, hospital, shops and places to work and became an important area of the history of Tacoma.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the students had researched how the shops and residential areas adapted from using horse carriages to using vehicles for transportation. The students commented that some shop owners adapted by converting the area of where the horse trough was located, to a single gas pump. The physical perspective as to how the streets have had to widen, change, and shift had not been fully explored and they would like to research that topic further. Commissioner Schloesser asked overall, what have the three studies revealed.

Ms. Rogers-Merlino commented that the three historic areas have a lot of architectural focus.

is that compared to Seattle, Tacoma has many more consistent residential neighborhoods. A lot of neighborhoods were built before the invention of the car and those have been preserved more than larger cities.

Commissioner Steel agreed that neighborhoods are the fabric of Tacoma. He commented that a lot of people from Seattle describe where they live by the geography and hill that they live on. In Tacoma though, people describe where they live by what neighborhood they're from.

C. Events and Activities Update

Ms. Hoogkamer read the Events and Activities Update.

<b>AGENDA ITEM 5C: Events &amp; Activities Update</b>
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**2018 Events**

1. Trivia Night (6pm @ The Swiss, March 21<sup>st</sup>)
2. T-Town Expo: Play Explore Learn (10am-3pm @ Tacoma Dome, March 24<sup>th</sup>)
3. **Historic Preservation Month** (May)
  - i. City Council Proclamation (5pm @ City Council Chambers, May 1<sup>st</sup>)
  - ii. Tacoma Historical Society's Historic Homes Tour (TBA)
  - iii. Kick Off Salvage Art Show (TBA @ Earthwise Tacoma, May 5<sup>th</sup>)
  - iv. Amazing Preservation Race: Trapped at Fort Nisqually (May 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>)
  - v. Historic Preservation Awards (6pm @ Stewart Middle School, May 18<sup>th</sup>)
  - vi. Youth Historical Fiction Reading (TBD @ Black Kettle Bites and Brews, May 21<sup>st</sup>)
  - vii. Bike Month Event (TBD, May 25<sup>th</sup>)
4. South Tacoma Walking Tour (TBD, June)
5. Trivia Night (6pm @ The Swiss, June 20<sup>th</sup>)
6. Fern Hill Walking Tour (1pm @ Corner of S. 84<sup>th</sup>/S. Park Ave., July 14<sup>th</sup>)
7. Stadium Historic District Walking Tour (3pm @ Stadium High School, August 18<sup>th</sup>)
8. LPC Training ( September TBD)
9. Salishan Walking Tour (TBD, September)
10. Trivia Night (6pm @ The Swiss, September 19<sup>th</sup>)
11. Historic Churches Tour (TBD, October)
12. Fifth Annual Holiday Heritage Swing Dance (6-9pm @ TBA, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>)

Ms. Hoogkamer commented that there is a Premier Night next week.

**6. CHAIR COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.