

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES*

*Thursday, May 25, 2017
Tipping Floor Conference Room (#7255)
King Street Center, 201 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, Washington
Approved 6/22/2017*

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Poppi Handy, Chair; Caroline Lemay, Vice Chair; Lorelea Hudson; Cristy Lake; Ella Moore; Rebecca Ossa; David Pilgrim

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Meisner, Todd Scott

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Handy called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Handy asked for any corrections to the minutes. There were none.

Ossa/Lake moved to approve the April 27, 2017 minutes of the King County Landmarks Commission. The motion passed 6-0-1 with Pilgrim abstaining as he was not present at that meeting.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS: Fuller Store, Vashon (COA #1703) request to construct an addition on the west elevation.

Hudson and Lemay described the project, stating that the property has had a few additions over time and while this addition is needed for the new use, it is still compatible with the historic character of the original. Meisner asked about interior finishes and how they would be impacted. Lemay indicated they would be removing one door and widening that opening. They would also be painting inside, but there would be no other impact to interior finishes. Pilgrim asked about the wood trim around the door that was to be removed. Scott replied that they would be removing it where they widen the opening, but would leave the picture rail above the opening. It is his understanding that the opening would not be framed in, that it would be just be finished drywall corners. Pilgrim asked about the round detail above the door that is being removed. Scott said he was not certain what that detail is. It's possible that it's simply a stovepipe cover that is used as decoration. It's also possible there may have been a flue at that location in the past, and the opening was covered with a traditional round cover.

Moore/Ossa moved to approve the Type II COA request to construct an addition on the west elevation of the Fuller Store as recommended by the DRC and to ratify the agreement between DRC and the applicant. The motion passed 7-0.

ADJOURN: King County Landmarks Commission

*May include minutes for cities who have interlocal historic preservation agreements with King County.

Convene WOODINVILLE LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER PRESENT: Phyllis Keller

CITY STAFF PRESENT: None

GUESTS: Lucy DeYoung

CLG REVIEW OF NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION: Woodinville School

Scott provided an overview of the NR nomination for Woodinville School, indicating staff felt it was definitely eligible for listing in the Register, under Criterion A for its contribution to the broad pattern of education in Woodinville and as a representative example of the work conducted by the WPA during the Great Depression, and under Criterion C as a representative example of a school building designed by notable Washington architect Frederick B. Stephen. He also explained that one of the requirements for a certified local government is to review and comment on nominations for properties that are located within the Commission's jurisdiction.

The nomination was submitted by Phyllis Keller and written mostly by Phillip Esser back in 2001. Keller stated she had intended to submit the nomination last year, but was asked by the city manager to hold off on submittal because the city council would be considering development options for the site. Scott indicated he had participated in several meetings with the city on the potential rehabilitation of the school and had indicated to them that placing the building in the Register would not impact what the city did with the building; it was primarily an honorific, and an opportunity for a potential developer to take advantage of federal historic tax credits. Keller said the city council had recently retained a consultant to look at options for development of the site, and several of them were being considered. She saw no reason to hold off on submitting the NR nomination now. She had promised the city manager she would hold off until a consultant had been secured, and that has now occurred. Scott provided the commission with email correspondence from the city manager and indicated he had expressed his opposition to the nomination. In the correspondence, the city manager asked the commission to hold off on reviewing the nomination.

Scott stated that staff had not initiated this review, that it was requested by Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), because the nomination is scheduled to be heard by the state Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at their meeting next month. This is the only opportunity for the commission to comment on the nomination prior to that meeting. Moore asked if the city council would need to approve the nomination. Scott said no, that the review can be signed by the mayor, but it is not required. Pilgrim asked if it was a designated landmark. Scott said it was, and the local ordinance is what provides protection for the building. He also stated that the building was clearly eligible, and that nothing would change if they delayed a decision on this recommendation; the building will still clearly remain eligible. Moore said she felt it sounds more important to the public if it's listed in the National Register. Meisner said she felt this just draws more attention to it. Keller closed by saying the city had not been a very good steward of the building for several years now.

Public Hearing:

Lucy DeYoung, indicated she is treasurer of the Woodinville Heritage Society, and that last year the Society successfully nominated the school to the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation's Most Endangered List. The Society feels it is a very important building for the community and should be saved. They also want to make sure the school stays an important part of the new development that will be occurring on the site. She feels the city manager is opposed primarily just to keep his options for development wide open. She also feels there is a small contingent of city council members who would like to see the building demolished, so this additional honorific will help make the case for its significance. She stated the Society requests the commission approve the NR nomination. There were no other public comments, and Handy closed the public hearing.

Pilgrim/Hudson moved to recommend the Woodinville School be listed in the National Register of Historic Places and to forward the signed CLG review form to DAHP. The motion passed 8-0.

ADJOURN: Woodinville Landmarks Commission

Reconvene KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

OTHER BUSINESS: Scott provided a quick overview of the recent round of barn grant applications, and gave the commission a more in-depth presentation on nine projects recommended for either full or partial funding. The projects were recommended by a review panel consisting of a staff member for the county agricultural commission, preservation staff member for 4Culture, preservation services coordinator for Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, and a historic preservation architect. Total project requests was over \$1 million, and the panel recommended funding requests of \$215,000. The commission is asked to support the panel's recommendations.

Lake/Lemay moved to support the 2017 King County Heritage Barn Program grant awards as recommended by the grant review panel. The motion passed 7-0.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: Meisner reported that the legislation for the county to purchase the Mukai barreling plant and lease it to Friends of Mukai was moving forward. This includes selling surplus property to the current owner in order for him to run his business. Closing is expected on June 16.

Providence Heights College is also moving forward. The City of Issaquah landmark nomination was resubmitted by Sammamish Heritage Society, and staff is currently working with the city attorney to determine next steps, and it's likely we'll hold the public hearing in July. She also said there is an appeal of the city's issuance of a mitigated determination of non-significance scheduled for a hearing on May 31.

Meisner also reported that Scott will be making a presentation to the county's green building team on adding historic preservation credits to the county's capital projects infrastructure scorecard.

Staff has even had feedback from the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Green Lab on the proposed credits.

Meisner also reported that Scott had met with the Kirkland city attorney, who determined the commission cannot hear the termination of landmark designation for the Loomis House, as the code only allows them to consider termination if there has been a change in the criteria used to designate. Scott has also spoken with Loomis and she will not be pursuing additional action until this fall.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.