

# KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

*Thursday, June 23, 2016  
King Street Center  
201 S. Jackson Street  
Seattle, Washington  
(Approved 8/25/16)*

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Lorelea Hudson, Vice Chair; Caroline Lemay; Ella Moore; Rebecca Ossa; David Pilgrim

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Poppi Handy, Chair; Tom Hitzroth; Kji Kelly;

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jennifer Meisner, Todd Scott

**GUESTS:** Cindy Darcy, Heather Hocklander, Kristina Damschen

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Hudson called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Hudson asked for any changes/corrections to the minutes. There were none. Moore/Lemay moved to approve the May 26, 2016 minutes of the King County and North Bend Landmarks Commissions. The motion passed 3-0 with Hudson and Pilgrim abstaining as they were not present for either meeting.

## **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**Tahoma High School** (COA No. 1613) request to install a monument sign.

Scott provided an overview of the sign and the history of the driveway that once led up to the school. He stated the commission had approved the new road that covers the top portion of the driveway in 2002, and that they had recommended at that time that bollards be placed to keep anyone from trying to use it for vehicular use. Darcy gave an overview of two new options the district was proposing, rather than their original design which included removing the driveway completely. Option 1 is to use the sign as a barrier for the driveway rather than bollards. Landscaping would outline the remainder of the driveway. Hocklander said this option makes it clear that this is no longer a driveway, while retaining that feature. The size of the sign has been determined by the visibility from the roadway, and was determined not to interfere with the view of the school from the intersection, because the grade is sufficient to minimize any impact. The sign can be six feet high because it is out of sight triangle for that intersection.

Darcy said the six foot chain link fence was being used because it is the standard for the school district. The preference is to put the sign in front of the fence in order to hide it, and a six foot sign would hide the full section of fence. Option 2 puts the sign to the north of the driveway. The driveway would still have landscaping along the edge in this option. Option 1 is preferred by the district because it is more symmetrical and makes it clear that the driveway is not intended for vehicular use. Hudson asked if anyone was confused about the driveway being available for vehicles. Darcy said not to her knowledge. She doesn't expect there will be any issues because the fence will block vehicles. There was some discussion about the height of the sign and whether

it was accurately portrayed in the illustrations. Hocklander said the concepts are just approximations, but use the height of the existing fence, which is six feet. Moore asked if both options utilize the same sized sign. Hocklander said yes.

Pilgrim feels Option 1 covers and hides the driveway, a historic feature, whereas Option 2 allows the driveway to be seen in its original form, mostly. He prefers Option 2. Ossa feel the sign, particularly the size, and fence for both options take away from the appearance of the building, or compete with it. Hocklander said the sign was as wide as it is because they were attempting to make it more compatible with the architecture of the building. There are brick columns on either side that improve compatibility. If the sign were to be made smaller, some of those design elements would have to be removed. Hocklander also said there would be in-ground lights that would highlight the front of the sign. Lemay feels that the sign is a good size, and won't compete with the building because of the significant slope. She prefers Option 2.

Pilgrim/Lemay moved to approve Option 2 of the Type II COA request to construct a monument sign and to ratify the agreement between DRC and the applicant. The motion passed 5-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Damschen, representing the Indow Window Company based in Portland, provided an overview of their interior storm window products. Scott queried commissioners about possible dates for the commission's policy and planning committee's first meeting. It will likely occur in October due to vacations and other schedules.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT:** Meisner informed the commission that a preservation planner had been hired, and was expected to start work July 25. She also informed them that she has been working on the last of the business planning for the program and for the next biennial budget, due July 1. She is hopeful that the archaeologist position will be increased to full-time.

Meisner and Scott met with staff from 4Culture earlier today to discuss how to get more of our interlocal partners to apply for sustained support grants from 4Culture. After some discussion, 4C staff will drop the more onerous requirements that had been put in place for the county's interlocal partners. She also gave an overview of the Storefront Studio final presentation in Snoqualmie on June 3. All of the student proposals were well done. The presentation was attended by Snoqualmie's mayor, and by Councilmember Lambert. A video will be produced that showcases the proposals and interviews with the students and elected officials.

Finally, Meisner asked the commission to help find some additional commission members. She told Lemay that her paperwork was in process for reappointment. She also let them know that both Hitzroth and Kelly's terms had expired. They can continue to serve until there is a new appointment, but neither can be reappointed. A new appointment for Hitzroth's position (historian) is already in process. One suggestion for a new member was Suzette Cooke, mayor of Kent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Hudson told the commission about the celebration this Saturday at the Hori Furoba. The celebration will include a Buddhist blessing and drums as part of the ceremony to rededicate the furoba now that it has been restored. Meisner informed the commission that the annual Spellman Awards Ceremony will be held sometime in late September, depending on the executive's schedule.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.