

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

*Thursday, February 27, 2014
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tipping Floor Conference Room #7255
King Street Center
201 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, Washington*

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tom Hitzroth, Chair; Poppi Handy, Vice Chair; Lorelea Hudson; Kji Kelly

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Mary McCormick

STAFF PRESENT: Julie Koler, Todd Scott

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hitzroth called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Hitzroth asked for additions or amendments to the January minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the January 23, 2014 minutes as submitted. Vice Chair Handy so moved and the motion passed 2-0 with Hitzroth and Commissioner Kelly abstaining because they were not present for the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commission reviewed a draft version of proposed revisions to its *Rules and Regulations*, adopted in 2005. Several areas were discussed in detail, including the subsections on designation criteria, National Park Service standards, certificates of appropriateness, and enforcement. Additional changes were recommended, and staff will provide a revised version at a future meeting. In addition, the *Rules and Regulations* for each interlocal jurisdiction will also need to be updated. Commissioner Handy suggested approving all at one meeting, with a Q&A session on the document at a meeting prior. Koler concurred with the idea.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Hitzroth opened the floor to election of officers. Commissioner Hudson nominated Hitzroth as Chair. The motion passed unanimously. Hitzroth nominated Handy as Vice-Chair. The motion passed unanimously.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: Koler briefed the commission on the Landmark Capital program currently being considered by the County Council, and described the projects on the list. She apologized for not being present at the January meeting to inform commissioners of it at that time. She said that the issue first came up during a briefing to the

Executive on the recommendations contained in the Strategic Plan that was completed last year, and more specifically the \$900,000 of loan money that was proposed to seed an “Endangered Building Rescue Program”. She said the Executive recognized that \$900,000 is a small amount of money for such a program and that he would look for other resources to support a program. Koler said that the Executive’s office decided to distribute the \$900,000 to worthy preservation projects in each council district and asked HPP staff to assemble a list of projects as quickly as possible to accompany an upcoming supplemental ordinance.

Koler also reminded the commission to take a look at the goals and actions in the strategic plan update, and provide input on preferred priority action items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Koler shared the new book on the history of the Saar Cemetery. She also indicated a need for a special meeting to discuss the proposed new database that will be designed for the HPP.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.