

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

*Thursday, January 22, 2015
Tipping Floor Conference Room (#7255)
King Street Center, 201 S. Jackson Street
Seattle, Washington
(Approved 2/26/15)*

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tom Hitzroth, Chair; Poppi Handy, Vice Chair; Lorelea Hudson; Kji Kelly; Caroline Lemay; Rebecca Ossa; David Pilgrim

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ella Moore

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Scott

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hitzroth called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hitzroth asked for additions or amendments to the October 23 minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2014 Auburn and Kent Landmarks Commission meetings as submitted. Commissioner Hudson so moved and the motion passed 4-0 with Lemay, Ossa, and Pilgrim abstaining as they were not present for either meeting.

Hitzroth asked for additions or amendments to the November 20, 2014 Kent meeting minutes. Pilgrim indicated he had been present at the meeting, but that was not reflected in the minutes. He also indicated there had been discussion on the development of a citizen advisory committee at the public hearing and that was not reflected in the minutes. Hitzroth asked staff to make changes to the minutes and resubmit them for approval at the next meeting.

Hitzroth asked for additions or amendments to the November North Bend minutes and the December North Bend and King County minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20 and December 18, 2014 North Bend Landmarks Commission meetings and the December 18, 2014 King County Landmarks Commission meetings as submitted. Commissioner Ossa so moved and the motion passed 7-0.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS PROCEDURES: Scott asked the commission to review and consider approving a matrix of alternative roofing materials that could be used to identify acceptable materials for Type I COA reviews. There was much discussion about the table, and several suggested modifications. The commission suggested adding a page of instructions to further explain how the matrix would be used. Ossa suggested that polymer and polymer fiber composite faux shingles not be approved as an alternative to wood shakes or shingles, at least not without a Type II COA. Handy asked that TPO (thermoplastic polyolefin) be added as an acceptable replacement for asphalt/composition torch down roofing. She also asked

that it not be white in color, unless it was not visible from the street or adjacent buildings. The commission unanimously approved use of the matrix as a tool for approving Type I COAs, and asked Scott to forward the final version to them prior to releasing it to the public.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: Scott updated the commission on various issues, including the recruitment for a permanent historic preservation officer, meeting with Beaux Arts about a possible interlocal agreement, a training opportunity in Tacoma, and the status of several projects. He also indicated that Seattle is being considered as the site for the 2016 National Preservation Conference and that the county program would likely participate in various aspects of the conference, especially in rural field sessions. He suggested the program may want to consider moving the annual awards presentation to September so as not to conflict with all the other preservation award programs that occur in May. There was consensus from the commission to move the awards presentation. He suggested the county would likely be applying for a CLG grant in April and would likely be asking to hire a consultant to develop a mid-century modern residential context statement for the county. Finally, he asked if the commission was willing to consider revoking the COA for traffic limits on the Red Brick Road. The commission agreed they would be willing to consider a new hearing and that they would be willing to meet in the community in order to hear the issue. No date was established for the hearing.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Hitzroth indicated he is term limited and his last meeting will be in May. Hitzroth nominated Handy as commission chair. He asked for additional nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he called for a vote to approve Handy as commission chair; she was approved unanimously. Hitzroth nominated Hudson as vice-chair. There being no other nominations from the floor, he called for a vote to approve Hudson as commission vice-chair; she was approved unanimously. Kelly moved to commend Hitzroth for his great handling of the gavel for the last few years. The motion was approved unanimously. Hitzroth thanked the commission for their commendation and stated that he has learned a lot from his fellow commissioners, especially during design review committee meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hitzroth asked commissioners to be sure to turn in their financial disclosure forms as soon as possible. He congratulated Kji Kelly for his recent appointment as the executive director of Historic Seattle, and Caroline Lemay for her promotion to principal at Bassetti Architects.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.