

# KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016  
King Street Center  
201 S. Jackson Street  
Seattle, Washington  
(Approved 6/23/16)*

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Poppi Handy, Chair; Tom Hitzroth; Caroline Lemay; Ella Moore; Rebecca Ossa

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Lorelea Hudson, Vice Chair; Kji Kelly; David Pilgrim

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

**GUESTS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Handy called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Hitzroth noted that the original agenda sent out had an error in the date of two sets of minutes. Both King County and Des Moines minutes should be May 4, 2016, not April 28. Handy asked for any changes/corrections to the minutes. There were none. Hitzroth/Lemay moved to approve the March 24 and May 4, 2016 minutes of the King County Landmarks Commission, and the May 4, 2016 minutes of the Des Moines Landmarks Commission. The motion passed 5-0 for the March 24 minutes, and 4-0-1 for both sets of the May 4 minutes, with Ossa abstaining as she was not present for that meeting.

## **CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS**

**Willowmoor Historic District** (COA No. 1614) request to install a new door on the art barn.

Scott provided an overview of the projects, and stated that he learned during the DRC meeting that the art barn is not the same period as the other barn, having been constructed sometime in the 1960s or 70s. Hitzroth confirmed this information. Ordinarily this would mean the new door would not be reviewed by the commission. However, the designation report does indicate that all building exteriors are features of significance. Scott also said the DRC had considered other alternatives, including removing the existing door and false barn door, and matching the existing siding on the rest of the building. He said the applicant agreed to consider it, but she preferred to go with the plan as described. Lemay asked whether a mirrored version been discussed, if the existing door was to be removed. Scott said they had not considered that option. Moore asked what color the door was to be painted; would it be brown like the door frame? Scott said it would be painted a light mustard yellow to match the other door and the window sashes in the building. Hitzroth stated he was planning to do an amended nomination for the district, as the existing nomination is woefully inadequate and large sections are inaccurate. Hitzroth also reminded staff that Olmstead was misspelled in the DRC report.

Hitzroth/Moore moved to approve the Type II COA request to install a new door on the art barn as recommended by the DRC and to ratify the agreement between DRC and the applicant. The motion passed 5-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Scott gave an overview of the Heritage Barn Program grant applications, and described the review process. The grant review panel had recommended fully funding six projects and partially funding three. Lemay/Ossa moved to endorse the recommendations of the Heritage Barn Grant review panel and award full or partial awards to nine recipients in the amount of \$235,000 for the 2016 grant round. The motion passed 5-0.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT:** Meisner informed the commission that interviews had been conducted earlier in the week for the preservation planner position. The review panel included one commissioner, an internal agency staff person, an interlocal agency staff person, and two HPP staff members. Five people were interviewed and one candidate rose to the top. She hopes to be able to make an offer by the end of the week.

Meisner also informed the commission that she and the Auburn preservation staff person would be traveling to Olympia for a CLG grant interview. The HPP is supporting Auburn's request for a package of printed and online materials that can be used to encourage developers, property owners, and interested citizens to consider historic preservation opportunities. The goal is to have the package adaptable for all of the county's regional preservation partners.

She also invited the commission to attend the Storefront Studio final presentation in Snoqualmie on June 3. HPP has been working closely with UW architecture students and they will be presenting some design concepts for downtown Snoqualmie's historic district.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Hitzroth thanked Scott for assembling five sets of minutes for this meeting, in light of the limited time available for completing them. He also reminded Scott there are some DRC minutes that have yet to be approved. Moore informed the commission that the Providence Heights College campus in Issaquah has been in the news lately and was recently placed on the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation's *Most Endangered List*. Scott said there was a strong possibility the commission would be reviewing a landmark nomination for the property later in the summer. Scott also reminded commissioners that the July meeting would be held August 4, in Auburn, in order to hear the landmark nomination for Auburn's Pioneer Cemetery.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.