

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 18, 2014
Kenmore Community Club
7304 NE 175th Street
Kenmore, Washington
(Approved 1/22/15)

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Caroline Lemay

STAFF PRESENT: Julie Koler, Todd Scott

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Hitzroth called the meeting to order at 8:35 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Hitzroth asked for additions or amendments to the October minutes. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the October 23, 2014 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Kelly so moved and the motion passed 4-0 with Commissioners Moore, Ossa and Pilgrim abstaining because they were not on the Commission at that time.

SPECIAL TAX VALUATION: Scott reviewed the application for special tax valuation at the Sunset Garage, 201 W. North Bend Way, in North Bend. He indicated the amount of reduction in valuation would be \$309,969 as that is the total qualified rehabilitation expenditure for the project.

Hudson moved to approve the special tax valuation for Sunset Garage, and asked staff to prepare an historic preservation agreement with the property owner that would last the duration of the special valuation period. The motion passed 6-0 with Pilgrim abstaining due to a procedural requirement that he wait 30 days past his commission appointment to vote on any item.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commission reviewed proposed meeting dates for 2015. Pilgrim indicated that Thursday evenings were often problematic for him due to his work schedule, and if there were an opportunity for alternative dates in the future, it would be helpful. Handy/Moore moved to accept the 2015 meeting dates for the Landmarks Commission and the Design Review Committee. The motion passed 6-0 with Pilgrim abstaining.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: Koler said this would be her last commission meeting, and that Scott would be acting preservation officer until a replacement is found. It will likely be March or April before a new person is lined up. She also informed the Commission there is a projected deficit in the historic preservation program's budget for the next biennium. By not hiring a new preservation officer until spring, this will help offset the deficit and should help keep from having to lay off someone else, or furlough the remaining staff.

Koler urged the Commission to revoke the COA it issued to Gunshy Manor for traffic limitations on the Red Brick Road. She provided them with correspondence from the Commission's staff attorney recommending revocation because the COA is tied to a non-landmarked property and cannot be enforced. She recommended the Commission take it up at their January meeting, and that they provide a letter to the property owner saying it is a procedural issue. Hitzroth stated that if the Commission has done something without property authority, it should be cleaned up. He recommended it be added to the January agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The full Commission voted to thank Koler for all that she has done for the program over the years. Hitzroth also thanked all the Commissioners for their commitment during 2014, particularly the four who have been on the Commission all year.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.