

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

*Thursday, March 26, 2015
White Center Library
11220 16th Ave SW
Seattle, Washington
(Approved 5/28/15)*

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Poppi Handy, Chair; Kji Kelly; Ella Moore; Rebecca Ossa; David Pilgrim

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Lorelea Hudson, Vice Chair; Tom Hitzroth; Caroline Lemay

STAFF PRESENT: Todd Scott

GUESTS: Gary and Pam Lee, Tim McHarg, Brian Rich, Cindy Walker, Courtney

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Handy called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Handy asked for additions or amendments to the February 26, 2015 minutes. There were a couple of minor corrections to make. Pilgrim/Kelly moved to approve the minutes as amended and the motion passed 5-0.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

King County Courthouse (COA No. 1506) request to install a sheriff's memorial in the first floor west lobby.

Scott described the project indicating that it was on a fast track for design and construction; they hope to have it installed in time for Memorial Day. The project is an art piece using glass and marble. Final design for the individual components has not yet been determined, but DRC did see the various options and felt comfortable with all of them. Handy mentioned that samples had also been presented to DRC.

Scott said the DRC recommended that *Secretary of the Interior's Standards 9 and 10* are applicable to the project and that the standards are met. Commission concurred with the DRC recommendation.

SOI Standard 9: New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

This standard is met. The only historic materials or features in this section of the hallway are marble flooring and baseboards. These will not be impacted by installation of the memorial. The hallway has been modified over time with the construction of the sheriff's office entry, and the installation of metal detectors and other security equipment. As a result, this section of

the hallway has no historic character defining spatial relationships. The memorial will essentially be an art piece hanging from the wall, with lighting placed above to highlight it.

Standard 10: New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

This standard is met. The memorial and any exposed supports could easily be removed and the wall patched and repainted with no evidence remaining that the memorial was there.

Pilgrim/Ossa moved to approve the Type II COA to install a sheriff's officer memorial as recommended by the DRC and to ratify the agreement between the DRC and the applicant. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm; reconvened at 7:22 pm.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: Scott updated the commission on various issues, including possible revocation of COA No. 1318 for the Red Brick Road. Scott explained that, at the commission's December 18, 2014 meeting (which was previous Historic Preservation Officer Julie Koler's last meeting before retiring), Koler had recommended that the commission revoke Certificate of Appropriateness No. 1318, which the commission had issued during November 2013 to Gunshy Manor concerning traffic limitations on the Red Brick Road. At that meeting, Koler provided the commission with correspondence from the commission's staff attorney recommending revocation. However, the commission's staff attorney has just now advised that his previous recommendation was made without having received much of the documentation concerning COA No. 1318. He has now explained that, based on his subsequent review of extensive documentation and his review of KCC 20.62 and other applicable law, for practical and legal reasons, the COA should not and cannot be revoked. In summary, the COA will be left in place.

Scott updated the commission on the code enforcement issue with the Mukai Agricultural Complex. He stated that as part of the code enforcement agreement, a new COA application was to be submitted for the March meeting. However, due to the death of the applicant's mother, the code enforcement officer had granted a 30 day extension for the agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kelly congratulated Handy on a good job chairing the commission for the first time.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.