

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES*

*Thursday, February 22, 2018
Tipping Floor Conference Room (#7255)
King Street Center, 201 S. Jackson
Seattle, Washington
(Approved 03/22/2018)*

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Caroline Lemay, Vice Chair; Lorelea Hudson, Cristy Lake, Ella Moore, Rebecca Ossa, David Pilgrim

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED: Poppi Handy, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Meisner, Todd Scott

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Lemay asked for any changes/corrections to the minutes. There were none.

Pilgrim/Hudson moved to approve the January 25, 2018 minutes of the King County Landmarks Commission. The motion passed 6-0.

GUESTS: None

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS:

King County Courthouse (COA #1803) request to install security fencing around the loading dock.

Scott briefly described the project indicating the DRC had recommended approval. He said the drawings don't show the fence going all the way to the building, but it will. He also said DRC had recommended approval for either an 8' or a 10' tall option. Ossa asked if the chain link would be going away. Scott said some of it would, but some would remain as it was still needed to prevent access to some equipment and to a couple of entry access points for the building. Lake asked if the garbage dumpster would stay in that location. Scott said he believed it would be moved so that there was better access to it, and to allow for the gates to open fully.

Pilgrim/Moore moved to approve the Type II COA request to install security fencing around the loading dock on the south elevation of the King County Courthouse as recommended by the DRC, and to ratify the agreement between DRC and the applicant. The motion passed 6-0.

Willowmoor Historic District (COA #1802) request to install new roofing on the cottage.

Scott briefly described the project indicating the DRC had recommended approval. He said the material had been used on one other building in the district and seemed to be performing well. KC Parks has actually started using it on other historic buildings in other locations. Lemay asked if the material was recycled rubber. Scott replied that it has some recycled rubber content, but also

*May include minutes for cities who have interlocal historic preservation agreements with King County.

some recycled plastic content. Lemay said she would prefer to keep the chimney, rather than removing it as part of the re-roof. Pilgrim agreed. Hudson said that the chimney was not within the period of significance, even though it is in the same location as the original. Scott indicated that Parks is planning to reconfigure the interior of the building, and would be removing the fireplace, so there is really no use for the chimney.

Hudson/Lake moved to approve the Type II COA request to install new roofing on the cottage at Willowmoor Historic District as recommended by the DRC, and to ratify the agreement between DRC and the applicant. The motion passed 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: Scott asked if everyone had filled out their financial disclosure forms for 2017. Ella said she had not, but signed one during the meeting.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: Meisner reported that staff and 4Culture staff had met with the City of North Bend about a variety of topics including the potential for a Storefront Studio there this summer, along with the need to update their sign guidelines. She also indicated they had met with the Fall City Masonic Lodge about needs for the building and how to get some funding. Hudson asked how the rezone amendments were going in Fall City, and Scott indicated they had still not been approved, but there was a potential buyer for the Prescott Harshman House who would not need the rezoning for their project.

Meisner said she had attended the statewide preservation plan update meeting today, then a special meeting to start looking at options for a statewide preservation tax credit. She also indicated there is a new settlement agreement between Churchome (owner of Providence Heights College), and the City of Issaquah. That process is currently in a holding pattern, but there should be some movement soon. She also indicated she is about to start co-teaching her regular preservation course at UW, and expects to have about 12 students, so she will be looking for potential student projects.

Meisner also briefed the commission on the new legislation regarding 4Culture's board makeup, budget approval and executive director approval. With this new legislation the county council would be able to fire the director and approve or reject the budget. The new legislation will also set aside nine board appointments for council members, and six for the county executive. There may be a striking amendment to remove the ability to fire the director. Hudson asked how this legislation had come about, and Meisner said there has been a long time concern that the distribution of 4Culture's funding isn't equitable throughout the council districts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Lake announced that the Northwest Railway Museum had held an event today to unveil the new painting of PSER Car 523. It was well attended and has kicked off the fundraising efforts to restore the car. She also indicated they have discovered a new historic photo of the back side of the Snoqualmie Depot, an aspect of the building that had not been photographed often.

Scott indicated the March commission meeting will be held in Tukwila at the Museum of Flight. He will send out a meeting request for it. Lemay announced that her firm had just opened a new children's justice center in the courthouse, and the celebration was today. It was well attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.