

# KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES\*

*Thursday, April 26, 2018  
Tipping Floor Conference Room (#7255)  
King Street Center, 201 S. Jackson  
Seattle, Washington  
(Approved 5/24/2018)*

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Poppi Handy, Chair; Caroline Lemay, Vice Chair; Cristy Lake; Rebecca Ossa; David Pilgrim

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED:** Lorelea Hudson, Ella Moore

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

**GUESTS:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Handy called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

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

Pilgrim/Lemay moved to approve the March 22, 2018 minutes of the King County Landmarks Commission. The motion passed 5-0.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:** Mukai Agricultural Complex (COA #1809) request to modify the porch railing on the house.

Scott briefly described the options that were being considered for the railing and described the latest option submitted by the applicant which included a standard aluminum top rail. Lemay said she felt strongly that having a wood railing would be a better solution and would help tie the new railing system into the overall porch design. Pilgrim asked why hadn't they considered rebuilding the railing to the code required height of 36 inches? Scott said they thought it would be too heavy visually because the balusters are larger than the standard. He said they were also considering the metal top rail so that visitors wouldn't set their drinking glasses on top. Ossa suggested they could add a component to a flat rail to prevent that. Lemay suggested they could also slant the wood top rail.

Handy asked about the code requirements, and whether the railing shouldn't be at 42" rather than 36". Scott said he thought the current use is residential, so it might just need to be 36". Handy suggested it will likely be a change of use and will require the taller railing. Ossa said she didn't think the aluminum top rail is compatible, and suggested using a metal pipe railing, similar to the one on an adjacent set of steps. She also asked if a wood rail would be painted to match the trim. Pilgrim agreed that a wood rail should be painted.

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

Lemay/Lake moved to approve the Type II COA request to add a cable railing on the Mukai House, but to require the top rail be made of wood and painted to match the trim on the house. The motion passed 5-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT:** Meisner reported that there were about 30 people at the recent commissioner training in Kirkland. Staff covered a variety of topics at the training including the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, How to Assess Integrity, and Funding Options. She also reported that a new interlocal agreement with the City of Covington had just been approved by the county council. This makes the 23<sup>rd</sup> partner for our regional preservation program.

Meisner asked Lemay and Lake to give a quick overview of the RevitalizeWA conference recently held in Port Townsend. Lemay said she was encouraged by the wide range of people who attended, and that there were a number of good sessions. Lake agreed, but did say some of the sessions could have been a little longer. She was happy to see the diversity of audiences. She attended Scott's session on compatibility and would like to see that done at one of our regional commissioner trainings. Meisner said there had also been a good town hall session with Governor Inslee.

She reported that there would be a workshop in Issaquah in a few days to kick off the Issaquah historic preservation grant program. She also mentioned that staff and 4Culture had recently toured the Enumclaw Expo Center (built as the King County Fairgrounds) and they may be interested in designating the site as a local landmark. She said the annual SHPO awards would be May 15 in Olympia, and that she would be giving a presentation on our program to the Renton Historical Society the same day.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Scott said the next meeting would be in Kirkland, and there probably wouldn't be a tour, as the property nominated for landmark designation is currently under construction.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.