

Members

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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Staff

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer
Lauren Hoogkamer, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
BT Doan, Office Assistant

Date: October 9, 2019

Location: 747 Market Street, Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
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Others Present:

Kesh Chavda, Kesh Design Lines LLC
Michael Carey, Urban Forest Program Manager
Melissa Blanchad
Aaron Blanchad

Commissioner Members Excused:

N/A

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Chair Kevin Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda was approved as submitted.

a. Excusal of Absences

N/A

b. Approval of Minutes: 9/25/2019

The minutes of the meeting on 9/25/2019 was approved as submitted.

4. BOARD BRIEFINGS

a. 507 South Ainsworth (Wedge Neighborhood Historic District)

Mr. McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Kesh Chavda, Kesh Design Lines LLC, indicated that the staff report covered the information well; he had no additional comment. Commissioner McClintock provided a picture of the house from 1939, noting that the current windows were not original and neither were the windows in the picture. There are similar houses in the neighborhood that were designed by the same architects and have the 2nd floor porch like in the proposed plan. Commissioner Williams commented that the porch would most likely require additional posts to comply with code regarding spacing between them. He would also like to see the doors on the 2nd floor to resemble more of the original door, 2/3 lite door. Commissioner McClintock suggested, to preserve the original look as much as possible, keeping one of the windows on the 2nd floor. Chair Bartoy noted that beside the door and window on the 1st floor, the façade looked preserved per historic documents. Commissioner Williams stated that he would be on agreeable to replacing the right window with a door as long as the door would mimic the front one (2/3 lite), and

wanted to keep the left window. Commissioner Sundstroms added that she would like the new door to be narrow to retain the width of the opening in place. Chair Bartoy indicated that he struggled with such extensive changes in both look and function (doors and porch on the 2nd floor). The owner noted that he would like to have both windows turned into doors to provide access to the porch from both rooms.

5. PRESERVATION PLANNING/BOARD BUSINESS

a. Heritage Trees

Mr. McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Michael Carey, Urban Forest Program, gave opening remarks and an overview of the program. There are numerous outdated tree ordinances, especially on tree trimming and removal. Some have not been updated since 1927, which calls for a municipal code update. It is necessary for the city to provide more resources to the community. There is a lack of awareness and knowledge on tree planting, maintenance, City's vs. property owner's responsibilities, etc.

Mr. Carey went on to present a 2018 tree canopy assessment, leading to a recommendation for a landmark tree protection ordinance. He explained that there were two models in consideration – voluntary designation and non-voluntary (mandatory) designation. The Commission agreed that the mandatory designation would probably be more efficient. Followed was a discussion around potential criteria of the mandatory designation if that moved forward.

b. Call for New Commissioners

Mr. McKnight indicated that there were several open positions. An announcement to fill the positions will be released soon.

- One (1) architect position
- Two (2) professional positions
- One (1) at-large position
- Two (2) ex-officio positions

c. Events & Activities Update

Mr. McKnight reported that the Sustainability in Historic Preservation lecture by Professor Merlino (University of Washington), as part of the Historic Preservation lecture series, would take place on October 10 at 5:30 p.m. The lecture would be livestreamed on Facebook for those unable to attend in-person.

6. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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