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Susan Johnson, Historic Preservation Coordinator
Tina Nailor, Historic Preservation Intern
Mary Crabtree, Administrative Assistant

Date: February 28, 2024

Location: Hybrid – Conference Room 243, 747 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402 & Zoom Webinar

Commission Members in Attendance:

Kevin Bartoy, Chair
Jennifer Baersten, Vice-Chair
Sarah Hilsendeger
Alex Morganroth (departed at 7:03 p.m.)
Lysa Schloesser (departed at 7:17 p.m.)
George Zeno (arrived at 5:38 p.m.)
Deborah Cade, North Slope Ex-Officio (arrived at 5:48 p.m.)

Commissioner Members Excused:

Laurel McQuade
Bryan Rousseau

Commission Members Absent:

Jenny Sullivan

Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Susan Johnson
Tina Nailor
Mary Crabtree

Others Present:

Hans Kvale
Jennifer Myers
Monette Hearn
Ellen Mirro

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

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Johnson reported that no written comments were received for public comment.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences

- Laurel McQuade
- Bryan Rousseau

B. Approval of Minutes: N/A

C. Administrative Review:

- 809 Pacific, revisions to previous approved work

5. DESIGN REVIEW

A. Fire Stations 2, 4, 11, 13

Replacement of overhead bay doors

McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Commissioner Zeno arrived here at 5:38 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the placement of the windows, the original configuration of the doors, and details and materials of the proposed replacements.

Commissioner Hilsendeger moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application for garage door replacements at Fire Stations 2, 4, 11, and 13, as presented, finding that the proposal is consistent with the applicable Secretary of the Interior's Standards as included in the analysis, noting that the window replacements remain relatively close to the existing locations. Vice-Chair Baersten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cade arrived here at 5:48 p.m.

**B. University of Washington/Tacoma
Replacement of exterior doors**

Johnson read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Discussion ensued regarding damage caused by break-ins.

Vice-Chair Baersten moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application for door replacements at 1740-44 Pacific Ave and 1754 Pacific Ave as presented, finding that the proposal is consistent with the applicable Union Depot/Warehouse Historic District design guidelines as included in the analysis. Commissioner Schloesser seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. Equity Committee updates

There were no Equity Committee updates.

B. Tacoma's Black Heritage Survey Update

McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet.

Hearn and Mirro provided an update on the Tacoma Black Heritage Project, including potential sites of historic significance, racial distribution patterns over time, the Evergreen State College Tacoma campus, churches, community centers and social clubs, businesses, residences, commemorative sites, and sites for intensive documentation.

Discussion ensued regarding the E.B. Wilson Apartments, finding more potential businesses, addressing history that isn't embodied in a building, the importance of the project and telling the full story, nominating potential African American contributors, historic preservation education, and nominating a site to the National Register of Historic Places.

The Landmarks Preservation Commission recessed at 6:44 p.m. and reconvened at 6:51 p.m.

C. Events & Activities

- February is Black History Month! Check out the ongoing work of the Black Historic Sites Survey of Tacoma and Washington State at <https://www.blackhistoricsiteswa.com>.
- The Washington State History Museum Store's new Community Gallery will have its first exhibition, "Matriarch," on view from February 24 through May 20, 2024. Opening reception will be Saturday, March 2, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., to help commemorate Women's History Month.

D. Home in Tacoma (feedback letter draft review)

McKnight provided background on the draft letter and requested review and comments from the Commission. The Commission discussed the draft letter and potential revisions.

Commissioner Morganroth departed here at 7:03 p.m.

Commissioner Schloesser departed here at 7:17 p.m.

E. Historic Preservation Month planning

This item was not addressed.

7. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. due to lack of quorum.

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