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Date: May 12, 2021

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Lauren Hoogkamer
BT Doan
Zoe Scuderi
Chevi Chung
Amy McBride

Others Present:

Brett Wiemann
Adam Brooks
Dominic Griffin
Guion Rosenzweig

Commission Members Excused:

Sarah Hilsendeger
Carol Sundstrom

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. NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION

4. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences

- Sarah Hilsendeger
- Carol Sundstrom

5. PUBLIC HEARING – RESCISSION FROM THE TACOMA REGISTER

A. Totem Pole, 801 A Street (Individual Landmark)

Chair Bartoy called the public hearing to order at 5:35 p.m.

Mr. McKnight read the staff report as provided in the packet, noting that one written comment was received by May 7, 2021.

Amy McBride, Tacoma Arts Administrator, and expressed appreciation for the individuals on the deaccession panel for their work and dedication during this process.

Jeanette Sanchez outlined the discussion and determination of the deaccession panel regarding the pole's inauthenticity.

Chair Bartoy called for testimony from members of the public. The following residents testified:

- Jennifer Keating – Ms. Keating is an enrolled member of the Tribe of Indians, a land use planner, and an Assistant Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Tribe of Indians. She expressed appreciation for the Tacoma Arts Commission; stated the structure is the epitome of cultural appropriation and further supports misrepresentation of local tribal history, culture, and art; and formally requested that this structure be removed.
- Ellen Peters – Ms. Peters stated that the removal of this piece demonstrates commitment to change and growth as we learn.
- Jessica Dominy – Ms. Dominy is Tlingit from Southeast Alaska. She expressed the difficulty in seeing the pole and requested that this pole come down and be replaced with something that is more true and accurate to the Puyallup Nation history.
- Andrew Strobel – Mr. Strobel is an elected delegate of the Central Council Tlingit and Haida Seattle Community Chapter. He spoke in favor of delisting the object as part of the historical register, and stated that the object plays a role in a larger historical problem of inauthentic prominently produced cultural items that have plagued the Northwest for over 100 years and have miseducated the general public.
- Catherine Kashkaani Edwards – Ms. Edwards is the First Vice-President for Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. She expressed support of the removal of the pole and stated that it is a trinket and is not used for traditional purposes.
- Shaun Peterson – Mr. Peterson is a member of the Puyallup Tribe and is a carver. He provided information regarding the inauthenticity of the pole and the history of erecting such sculptures.

Chair Bartoy closed the public hearing at 6:01 p.m. and stated that written public comment could be submitted for an additional 10 days. Mr. McKnight made clarifications regarding next steps.

6. DESIGN REVIEW

A. 511 N. M Street (North Slope Historic District) *Retroactive approval: front steps*

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

Brett Wiemann, representative for the property owner, provided information regarding the request to lighten the aesthetic and match the more historic nature of the house, and he requested information on the timing of this process.

Commissioner Cade provided comments that the porch was not an acceptable design for the house. Vice Chair Mortensen echoed Commissioner Cade's comments, added that the roofline also did not fit, and suggested the property owner look at other houses for similar design input. Commissioner Johnson concurred, stating the roof over the doorway appears inadequate. Commissioner Williams stated the roof addition is out of design with the house and the deck is out of scale. Chair Bartoy reminded the Commission of the design guidelines for porches.

Commissioner Cade stated that the dimensions of the porch in the line drawing does not reflect the actual measurements or the photos.

Mr. Wiemann inquired about the roof being part of the design review. Mr. McKnight clarified that the roof, porch/deck, and railing are under review by the Commission.

Vice Chair Mortensen inquired about the process of denial or deferral. Mr. McKnight clarified the process, stating that the Commission can defer and make recommendations to make it potentially approvable, and that a denial would deny the HDR permit; however there is an appeal window. He also stated that the best path forward would be to identify how it can be corrected to meet design guidelines for the district and is acceptable to the Commission.

Commissioner Williams provided comments in support of a denial, and stated that the design should be keeping with the size and scale of the house.

Commissioner Williams moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission deny the applicant for 511 N. M Street based on the following guidelines: it is in violation of the standards of design guides for North Slope Historic District, including porch details and the addition of architecturally inappropriate details, noting the roof over the entry and replacing missing porches with designs and details that do not reflect the original design.

Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. McKnight provided next steps, including issuing a written decision of denial and providing feedback to the applicant.

**B. 1505 N. 6th Street (North Slope Historic District)
Retroactive approval: windows**

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

Adam Brooks, Owner, provided information regarding the latest bid and financial issues.

Vice Chair Mortenson asked for clarification on the original proposal. Mr. McKnight outlined the original proposal.

Commissioner Williams expressed support of the new proposal, recommended by staff. Commissioner Cade agreed.

Williams asked if there has to be a modification.

Commissioner Williams moved that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application review with staff recommendations, as submitted, for 1505 N. 6th Street.

Ms. Hoogkamer requested clarification regarding preference over aluminum or fiberglass. Commissioner Williams agreed that fiberglass is an acceptable option.

Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. McKnight provided next steps.

7. BOARD BRIEFINGS

A. UWT Milgard Hall, 1950 S. C Street (Union Station Conservation District) *New construction*

Kim Yao, ARO, presented the proposal briefing, including an outline and location of the site; site diagrams; campus circulation and site approach; campus topography; the existing site plan; site entry and program distribution; structural strategy; environmental strategies; program distribution; exterior connections; gathering spaces; community spaces; facade approach; the floorplans of the ground floor, second floor, and third floor; the site plan; the facade development; site elevations; building elevations; building palette; digital views from S C Street, S 21st Street, and the Prairie Line Trail; and the design schedule, noting a goal of starting construction in later June.

Commissioner Williams asked about the color for the metal portions of the structure. Ms. Yao stated the choice of the colors has not been finalized.

Commissioner Stewart asked for clarification regarding the community and future growth area that is currently a parking lot. Ms. Yao stated that long-term plans have identified it as a site for development; however, there are no current plans for development of the parking lot.

Commissioner Stewart asked about windows related to energy and sun exposure. Ms. Yao provided information regarding solar loading strategies. Dominic Griffin provided information regarding adequate sun exposure.

Vice Chair Mortenson expressed fondness for the brick and metal contrast on the exterior design and would like to see samples of the material colors at the next meeting. Chair Bartoy agreed that seeing samples would be beneficial.

B. Old City Hall, 625 Commerce Street (Individual Landmark) *Rehabilitation*

Guion Rosenzweig, Surge Tacoma, presented the Old City Hall renovation project – currently in permit and design review, including an introduction to Surge Tacoma and their partners; the previous LPC visit in 2020; a project summary; the permit submission in March 2021; special features in the preservation and planned work, noting the tower being structurally reenforced, bells and clock, masonry, terra cotta, copper roof sheathing, windows, jail cells, and safes; special building requirements; proposed building schematics and cross section uses; frames and masonry repairs; interior frame placement; overview of the terra cotta and masonry repairs; and submissions to DAHP for federal approvals.

Vice Chair Mortensen, Commissioner Johnson, and Chair Bartoy expressed appreciation and excitement for this renovation project.

Chair Bartoy expressed concerns regarding the need for workspaces during the COVID-19 pandemic, and asked if there have been any considerations related to those needs. Ms. Rosenzweig stated that they are watching those trends and that coworking is still very popular.

8. PRESERVATION PLANNING/BOARD BUSINESS

A. Preservation Awards

Zoe Scuderi provided background and presented the nominations for the 2021 Historic Preservation Awards.

The Commission reviewed the nominations and discussed category ideas.

After further conversation, the consensus for the nominations were:

- Community Engagement – Forterra
- Innovation in Preservation and Outreach – Elizabeth Rudrud, Events and Volunteer Coordinator, Fort Nisqually Living History Museum
- Commercial Renovation – Mike Bartlett, Horizon Partners NW – Brewery Blocks Tacoma
- Broadening Horizons in Preservation – “Puget Sound Treaty War Panel”
- Leadership in Preservation – Fred Roberson
- Partnerships in Preservation – Pretty Gritty Tours
- Legacy Business – The Spar
- Residential Renovation – Wells R. Sears House
- Landmark Nomination to be Recognized – Katie Prat

B. Events & Activities Update

- Historic Preservation Awards scheduled for May 28, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
- Historic Register Workshop on May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook and YouTube
- Find the Falcon Activity

9. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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