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Mary Crabtree, Administrative Assistant

Date: August 25, 2021

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Staff Present:

Lauren Hoogkamer
Mary Crabtree
Zoe Scuderi

Others Present:

Jeffrey Ryan

Commission Members Excused:

Alex Morganroth
Leah Jaggars

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Vice-Chair Mortensen called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences

- Alex Morganroth
- Leah Jaggars

B. Administrative Review:

- 913 N. Ainsworth—porch railing
- 1502 Pacific Ave.—sign change

4. NOMINATIONS TO THE TACOMA REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

A. Proposed College Park Historic District

Ms. Hoogkamer read the staff report as provided in the packet and facilitated a discussion regarding the proposed boundaries, guidelines, level of review, equity considerations, and general feedback.

Chair Bartoy provided comments on the boundaries, stating the neighborhood is not well defined, and the equity considerations.

Commissioner Hart echoed Chair Bartoy's comments on the boundaries and commented on equitability and financial access.

Commissioners Johnson, Stewart, Williams, and Cade provided additional comments regarding the proposed boundaries, equitability, and design guidelines.

Ms. Hoogkamer stated that all existing historic districts have the opportunity to revise their guidelines on an annual basis.

Commissioner Schloesser requested clarification from Chair Bartoy regarding his previous comments.

Commissioner Hart asked staff if there are potential litigation issues when having different guidelines between districts.

Discussion ensued regarding public engagement, Home In Tacoma compatibility, boundaries, exclusions or exemptions from the historic district, and next steps.

Commissioner Williams provided comments on the overall type of buildings in the district and the proposed guidelines.

Ms. Hoogkamer noted that historic districts can update inventories.

Discussion ensued regarding the National Register nomination, the petition for the nomination, the percentage threshold for the Tacoma Register nomination, having a clear understanding on who signed for a historic district versus who signed to stop the Home In Tacoma project.

Mr. Ryan provided comments on the nomination, noting public notification and petition.

Discussion continued regarding taking the opportunity to make the process more equitable, the nomination process and opportunities for comments, gathering owner consent for nominations, adding a meeting for further discussion on owner consent, the percentage of support for the Wedge District, distribution of a City survey, and obtaining legal guidance.

5. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. Demolition Review Director's Rule

M. Hoogkamer outlined the Director's Rule related to demolition review requests and stated the discussion will be on the agenda at the next meeting.

B. Events & Activities Update

- Historic Seattle & Forterra: Affordable Housing/Acquisition Strategies on September 16, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
- October is Tacoma Arts Month.

6. CHAIR COMMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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