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Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Staff

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer
Lauren Hoogkamer, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
Zoe Scuderi, Historic Preservation Intern
Mary Crabtree, Administrative Assistant

Date: October 13, 2021

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
Lauren Hoogkamer
Mary Crabtree
Zoe Scuderi

Others Present:

N/A

Commission Members Excused:

Jeff Williams

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Chair Kevin Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS

2. ROLL CALL

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved as submitted.

A. Excusal of Absences

- Jeff Williams

B. Approval of Minutes: 06/23/21

The minutes of the June 23, 2021, meeting were approved as submitted.

C. Administrative Review

- There were no administrative reviews.

4. NOMINATIONS TO THE TACOMA REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

A. College Park Historic District

Recap of Commission review to date, information requests, schedule revisions

Mr. McKnight outlined the staff report as provided in the packet and facilitated a discussion regarding significance, boundaries, guidelines, data requests, future schedule, survey distribution, and next steps.

Commissioner Hart requested clarification on the goal of this discussion and expressed opposition of the nomination.

Vice-Chair Mortensen agreed with staff's summary regarding the significance and stated that she is comfortable continuing with the established boundaries proposed by the applicant.

Chair Bartoy proposed not moving forward with the guidelines at this point. Commissioner Johnson stated the guidelines may alleviate Commissioner Harts concerns and agreed that the discussion should be delayed. Commissioner Hilsendeger agreed with delaying the discussion on guidelines.

Commissioner Stewart and Chair Bartoy thanked staff for providing the data. Commissioner Johnson asked if there is data from the current banking industry and real estate industry relating to problems with home loans.

Mr. McKnight outlined the draft survey mailer that will be distributed to community members.

Discussion ensued regarding enlarging the QR code, adding a small map, removing the background as the building shown is not part of the location discussed, survey recipients, removing the term "historic properties", and adding a URL of the online survey.

Chair Bartoy proposed pushing the public hearing to a January meeting to allow ample time for staff and Commission discussion. Commissioner Johnson agreed. Mr. McKnight stated the February 9, 2022 meeting would be the earliest for the public hearing if setting of the hearing date occurred at the January 12, 2022 meeting. The Commission agreed on the longer timeline.

Vice-Chair Mortensen requested clarification on tabulating the public response data and asked about additional information on other districts and how significant support was defined.

Discussion ensued regarding North Slope District support, the response window for the survey, notice requirement in the Code, timeline of mailout.

5. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. College Park Communication Items

Mr. McKnight stated there are items in the agenda packet related to the College Park Historic District proposal, including a letter from Jeffrey Ryan, an email from Tom Lowe, articles in response to the Commissioners' requests, and the memo to the Planning Commission.

B. Climate Action Plan Public Comment Request

Mr. McKnight stated that the Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability has put out a call for comments on the Climate Action Plan and that comments are due on October 20, 2021.

Discussion ensued regarding sharing a comment as a whole.

The Commission agreed that staff would work with the Chair to draft a comment.

C. Events & Activities

- Broadening Horizons Heritage Café Series - Sea Level Rise & WA Archeology on October 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
- How Art Shaped Tacoma video will be coming soon.
- Puyallup Tribe Traditional Place Names video will be coming soon.

6. CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Bartoy proposed having a standing item on the agenda for ex-parte conversations.

Discussion ensued regarding what ex-parte conversations are, the context of conversations to disclose, training on ex-parte communication during Commission orientation, and additional guidance.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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