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June 20, 2018

To: Reuben McKnight, City of Tacoma Historic Preservation Officer, and
Tacoma Landmarks Commission

Re: College Park Historic District's application to be added to the Tacoma
Register of Historic Places

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the North End Neighborhood Council to support the College Park Historic District's application to be added to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places. We supported the district's successful application to be placed on the state and national registers, and while we know the local register requires a longer process of gaining neighborhood support, we hope this letter of support will allow the applicant to avoid the fee attached to this process.

For reference, the boundaries for the College Park Historic District are roughly west of Pine to Union Avenue and north of North 7th to North 21st Street, excluding the University of Puget Sound Campus.

You should be able to see from the application presented that there is ample evidence of historic value. Indeed, quite a large percentage of the buildings in the entire North End can speak to the city's and state's history. But the NENC wishes to support this nomination in particular because the designation will help add to the sense of place that this neighborhood is building. In addition to being a historic neighborhood, there can be a more largely recognized sense of community and a greater pride in where these neighbors live.

Please join us in supporting this neighborhood in its process of achieving recognition and protection and in furthering the distinctiveness of another great, historic place to live in the North End.

Respectfully,

Kyle C. Price, NENC Chair on behalf of the NENC

August 11, 2021

Lauren Hoogkamer
Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
Planning and Development Services Department
747 Market Street, Room 248
Tacoma, WA 98402

[sent via electronic mail]

Re: College Park Historic District

Dear Ms. Hoogkamer:

On behalf of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, I am submitting this letter of support for the proposed College Park Historic District. The Washington Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to saving the places that matter in Washington State and to promoting sustainable and economically viable communities through historic preservation.

We understand the Landmarks Preservation Commission adopted a tentative review schedule for consideration of the proposed College Park Historic District. We are pleased to see the schedule in place along with the multi-faceted, public approach for reviewing the proposal. We look forward to tracking this process, learning more information about the proposal, and posing questions as they may arise.

As a Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places, College Park features over 575 homes – the vast majority of which contribute to the overall character of the district. Building stock dates primarily from the 1920s, representing working- and middle-class homes that served Tacoma's growing population at the time. Collectively, the district represents an important era in the city's development while also featuring an important array of building styles. Given the current recognition of College Park as a National Register-listed Historic District, The Washington Trust supports effort to secure local designation as a Historic Special Review District.

We look forward to following the review process for this proposal and appreciate the opportunity to submit comments both presently and in the future.

Sincerely,



Chris Moore
Executive Director

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August 6, 2021

Reuben McKnight
Historic Preservation Office
747 Market Street, Room 345
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Dear Reuben,

On behalf of the Board of Historic Tacoma, I am pleased to write this letter of support for the listing of the National Register College Park Historic District on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places, and to endorse its designation as a Historic Special Review District.

College Park represents a significant period of development in Tacoma both historically and architecturally. Its streetcar development pattern and modest, well-built homes perfectly reflect the optimism of mid-20th century Tacoma. The nomination is comprehensive and well executed. It has passed a high hurdle of review by the WA State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the National Park Service. and its listing on the National Register of Historic Places is a well-deserved honor.

This nomination comes before the Landmark Commission backed by an impressive volunteer effort and years of preparation and outreach. The support of the residents is well documented and speaks to the pride we all share in this legacy neighborhood. We urge you to take the most important step of local designation and ensure its continuing legacy.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Brooker,
Board President



North Slope Historic District

a 501 (c)(3) organization

908 North M St.
Tacoma WA 98403

April 30, 2021

Dear Commissioners:

The North Slope Historic District Board of Directors supports the application of the College Park National Historic District to become a listed group of properties on the Tacoma Register of Historic Places. As a National District and on the Washington Heritage Register, its bona fides as a place worth preserving have already been established. Now, the residents want to be included on the Tacoma Register.

College Park is an L-shaped neighborhood that surrounds the current campus of the University of Puget Sound. It was developed during the peaks-and-valleys period of home construction in Tacoma, with an average construction date of 1924. Between 1910 and 1940, the railroad and lumber industries were going strong in Tacoma, and College Park began to grow, too. It is an example of the early streetcar neighborhoods that grew up along the three streetcar lines - the Point Defiance line, the 6th Avenue line and the K Street line. However, it soon became an example of the early impacts of the automobile as it advanced to become the dominant mode of transportation.

The homes were mainly one and two-story, built mostly before World War II. It shows the building middle-class, and the advent of home loans to purchase properties. The neighborhood is a fine example of an early urban, single-family neighborhood.

Please approve this fine example of early, post-WWI homes that still retain their original architectural elements to the Tacoma Register of Historic Properties

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Cade, Chair
NSHD, Inc.

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College Park Historic District

in Tacoma, Washington

has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Date Entered: October 10, 2017



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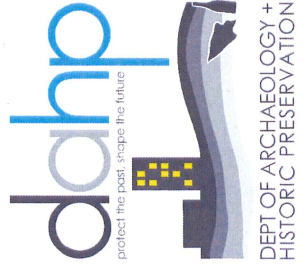
has been listed on the Washington Heritage Register of Historic Places

Date Entered: June 27, 2017



Paul Mann
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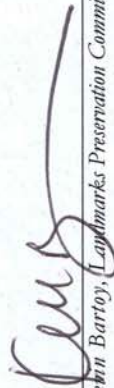


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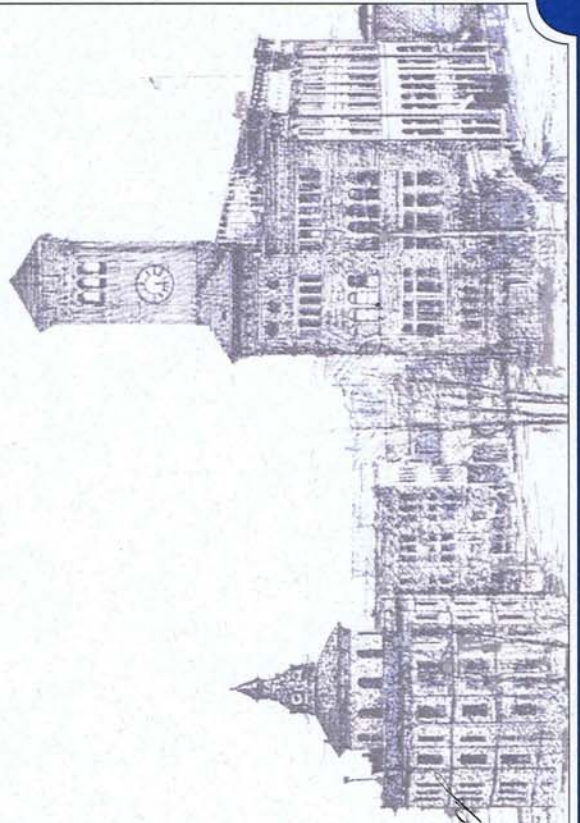
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College Park National Register Historic District

By the Tacoma Landmarks Preservation Commission


Kevin Bartoy, Landmarks Preservation Commission Chair

May 24, 2019



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