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Lauren Hoogkamer, Assistant Historic Preservation Officer
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MINUTES

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Date: May 13, 2020

Location: *Virtual Zoom Webinar*

Commission Members in Attendance:

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Staff Present:

Reuben McKnight
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Others Present:

Pam Derry, *Tonkin Architecture*
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Ben Ferguson, *Ferguson Architecture*
Haley Ladenburg, *Ferguson Architecture*
Joshua Knudson

Commissioner Members Excused:

N/A

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Chair Kevin Bartoy called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer, requested to add an item to Board Business to discuss the Commission's scheduling. The agenda was approved as amended.

4. **DESIGN REVIEW**

- a. **506 N L St (North Slope Historic District) Exterior alterations**

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

Pam Derry, from Tonkin Architecture, provided background information on the building including historical photos from various time points. It was noted that the photos from 1977 best showed the historical features of the building but did not reflect the state of the building when the applicant purchased it. Ms. Derry proceeded to present drawings of what the historic building might have looked like and of the proposed restoration, addressing the Commission's comments from the last meeting pertaining to the dentil trim and east bay window. Her presentation also covered inventory of salvage materials and proposed materials for restoration.

The Commission made clarifying questions and was responded with satisfactory information. Additionally, Vice-Chair Johnson commented that the corbels in the rendering of the proposed restoration should be dentil trims

instead. Commissioner Williams agreed and added that there was dentil molding along the side of the house when the Commission had their site visit. Commissioner Sundstrom requested more information on the window as some of the photos were not reassuring that it would be a good substitution. Commissioner Mortensen suggested using houses around the neighborhood and designed around the same time as reference to find the appropriate dentil style.

Commissioner Mortensen made a motion: *"I move that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application for 506 North L Street, with the ~~edition~~ addition that ~~they~~ the side decorative elements be reduced and approved by staff, with the single hung window."*

Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

b. 1007 N Sheridan Ave. (North Slope Historic District) Garage conversion to DADU

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

Ben Ferguson, from Ferguson Architecture, showed photos of the existing garage, explaining its orientation and layout. He moved on to present the floor plan for the proposed Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (DADU). The proposed windows to be added would be the same size and similar style as those on the house.

Commissioner Williams recused himself reviewing the application as he was a friend with the applicants.

Commissioner ~~Mortenson~~ Mortensen asked about the placement of the double hung windows, which Mr. Ferguson explained is offset to accommodate a bed inside the building and also still function as an egress window. Commissioner ~~Mortenson~~ Mortensen suggested the possibility of placing the two windows with some space between them so that they are symmetrical. Commissioner Sundstrom suggested a casement window with a sash to allow egress and still make them appear more even. Mr. Ferguson and the homeowner discussed those options and agreed that they would split the windows so that they were evenly spaced.

Commissioner Hart made a motion: "I move that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the property at 1007 N Sheridan, pending the changes made by Commissioners about splitting the windows and the window type, and pending staff review."

Commissioner Morganroth seconded the motion. It passed unanimously, with the abstention from Commissioner Williams.

5. PRESERVATION PLANNING/BOARD BUSINESS

a. Events & Activities Update

Mr. McKnight informed the Commission of the following:

- Historic Preservation Month Events that are able to will proceed virtually. The Salish Sea Then, Now, and in the Future as well as the Historic Preservation awards with both be postponed.
- Upcoming events for the rest of the year will be TBD for the time being.

b. Scheduling of Commission Meetings

Mr. McKnight explained that Lauren Hoogkamer and BT Doan, as well as many other staff in the Planning Division, have been placed on Temporary Layoff for 11 weeks due to Covid-19. Because of this, he would recommend that the Landmarks Preservation Commission meet only once per month through July. The Commission discussed what to expect from that change, including possibly longer meetings as well as having more items going to administrative review. The Commission asked for more information about how the administrative review process would change and requested that they be given more time to familiarize themselves with new projects proposed for administrative review before approving them. Mr. McKnight stated that he would put together a description of the changes and send them out to Commissioners.

6. CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Bartow acknowledged that this is a tough time, and that the Commission feels for City staff dealing with furloughs.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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