

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES*

*January 26, 2023
Zoom (Call-in) Conference &
Bereiter House/Greater Kent Historical Museum
Kent, Washington
(Approved XX/XX/2022)*

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cristy Lake, Chair, Kim Hartman, Amber Earley, Dean Kralios, Amy Blue, Tanya Woo

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: None

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Steen, Jennifer Meisner

GUESTS: Gillian Zacharias, Janine Robinson, Brian McGee, Jeff Murdock

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lake called the (hybrid) meeting to order at 4.30 p.m. Introductions of commissioners and staff were made, and the Chair outlined the structure of the hearing.

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SPECIAL COMMISSIONER: Linda Martinez

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Terry Jungman, Kent Parks Dept.

GUESTS: Gillian Zacharias, Janine Robinson, Brian McGee

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #23.01: Earthworks Park, 742 E Titus Street, Kent – proposal to install upgraded bus stop along northwest border of park with ADA access ramp from stop into park

Steen gave a brief presentation describing the history and significance of the Earthworks Park in Kent, detailing past CoAs related to this area of the park and the project proposal to create a new RapidRide public transit station along E Smith Street which also involves installing an ADA access ramp into the park. The applicants from KC Metro and HDR Civil Design presented on their project, showing the current conditions of the bus stop along E Smith Street, describing the options the project team had considered and detailing both their and the city's preferred alternative. Terry Jungman spoke on behalf of the Kent Parks Department, noting that the city was interested in increasing connectivity into the park, and reporting that community engagement for current Earthworks Park master plan development was ongoing.

Members of the DRC reported on their meeting with the applicant, noting that they had requested the applicants provide a section drawing of the proposed ramp, clear landmark delineation line on the drawing set, and better note their preferred option during the Commission presentation. The DRC recommended approval of the project.

Chair Lake opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, she invited Commissioner questions for the applicant or staff. Commissioners asked about the planned treatment of the visible retaining wall on the

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eastern side of the bus station, the scope of intrusion into the park with infill to support the new bus stop, and details on how heavy machinery would be staged during construction. Applicants noted that this may be a phased project, with the ramp installed after the bus stop had been completed. Lake then closed the public comment period and requested Commissioner deliberation on the proposal. Commissioners indicated that they felt the overall scope of work and preferred alternative was acceptable under the SOI Standards.

Blue/Martinez moved to approve CoA #23.01 consistent with the preferred alternative presented at the Commission hearing and as recommended by the DRC, with the following conditions: that the applicant consult with HPP staff regarding the treatment of the east side retaining wall and final relocation of utility structures along Titus Street. The motion passed, 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*general*): None

ADJOURN: The KLC adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

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OTHER BUSINESS: Election of Cristy Lake as Chair, Dean Kralios as Vice-Chair, as well as PPC and DRC committee assignments for 2023.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: Meisner offered a brief report, noting that the incoming Landmarks Commissioners should be seated within the next month or two. She reported that the first Regional Preservation Workshop of the year would be coming up soon, and she also let Commissioners know that recordings of past workshop sessions are now available on the King County Vimeo and YouTube channels. Meisner talked about the 3-year landmarks survey Steen was finalizing and which she would present at the February meeting. Meisner then said that there were a few landmark nominations in the works which will be coming forward in the next few months, including a much-anticipated inclusive revision of the 1980s Neely Mansion nomination. Steen added that the 4Culture Special Projects grant was accepting applications, and the CLG preservation planning grant offered by DAHP would also be opening up soon. She also said that most Commission meetings in 2023 would be held over Zoom, with a room held in the King Street Center for those who want to participate in person. The Commission would meet in person when a site visit was included on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*general*): None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURN: The KCLC adjourned at 5:27 p.m.