

# KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES\*

*March 23, 2023  
Zoom Conference Platform &  
King Street Center  
Eighth Floor – Rm 8J  
Seattle, WA  
(Approved 05/25/2022)*

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Dean Kralios, Acting Chair, Kim Hartman, Francesca Renouard, Jeff Murdock, Huy Pham, Amber Earley, Amy Blue

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** Cristy Lake

**STAFF PRESENT:** Sarah Steen, Jennifer Meisner

**GUESTS:** Tom Hitzroth, Bill Borland, Steve Hammer, Reid Howland, Greg Watson (SC), Kevin Burrows (SC), Linda Martinez (SC), Bryan Christiansen (SC)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Kralios called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. Introductions of commissioners and staff were made, and the Chair outlined the structure of the hearing.

## **Convene AUBURN LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONER:** Greg Watson

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #23.05:** Auburn Post Office, 910 Ninth Street SE, Auburn – proposal to install wood clad window on rear elevation and change materials of approved exterior stage (CoA #19.16).

Steen gave a brief presentation outlining the history and project work on the Auburn Post Office as the City of Auburn transforms the space into the Auburn Arts & Culture Center. Members of the DRC reported on their meeting with the applicant, describing the discussion around the ground disturbance involved in attaching an existing drainage system to the deck. The DRC recommended approval of the project. Special Commissioner Greg Watson shared the proximity of an old wagon road to the existing alignment of Auburn Way, fronting the Post Office. Commissioner Renouard requested that the concrete footing for the rear deck be deep enough to not surcharge the existing foundation of the Post Office building. Steen noted that the City of Auburn had already received a copy of the county's Inadvertent Discovery Plan. After calling for and hearing no public comment or additional questions from Commissioners, Chair Kralios called for a motion.

Blue/Watson moved to approved CoA 23.05 as proposed and recommended by the DRC. The motion passed, 8-0.

\*May include minutes for cities who have interlocal historic preservation agreements with King County.

**Convene ENUMCLAW LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONER:** Bryan Christiansen

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #23.06:** Enumclaw Field House, 1456 Roosevelt Ave E, Enumclaw – proposal to replace two 10-lite wood doors in basement entry.

Steen gave a brief presentation outlining the history and significance of the Enumclaw Field House built as part of a government program during the Great Depression and still in use as a community center. Members of the DRC reported on their meeting with the applicant, noting the discussion around the later addition of an entry at the basement level and existing weather protections for historic materials. The DRC recommended approval of the project. Commissioners asked questions regarding the door sweep and proposed hardware finish on the new doors. After calling for and hearing no public comment or additional questions from Commissioners, Chair Kralios called for a motion.

Blue/Christiansen moved to approve CoA 23.06 as proposed and recommended by the DRC, with a condition that the finish of the new door hardware match that on the existing historic doors in the porch entryways. The motion passed, 8-0.

**Convene NORTH BEND LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONER:** Kevin Burrows

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #23.08:** Cook Building, North Bend Historic Commercial District, 102 West North Bend Way – proposal to paint exterior section of building and install signage, lighting, and trim for new commercial business.

Steen gave a brief presentation outlining the history and significance of the Cook Building within the North Bend Historic Commercial District. Members of the DRC reported on their meeting with the applicant, describing the discussion around the placement of the gooseneck lighting, projecting signage and recommendation to limit the application of black paint to the façade below the reconstructed cornice. The DRC recommended approval of the project, with the condition that the lighting be at least 8' from the ground level and the cornice and parapet wall above remain the same color as the rest of the building for visual cohesiveness. Commissioners asked questions about the weight of the projecting signage and the plan for the Cook Real Estate signage now in place. Chair Kralios noted that paint was easily reversible. Commissioner Blue said that the sign height was likely determined by city permitting parameters as well.

Chair Kralios opened the floor for public comment. Greg Watson commented on his support for the project. Hearing no additional comment or questions from Commissioners, Kralios called for a motion.

Blue/Burrows moved to approve CoA 23.08 as proposed and recommended by the DRC, with a condition that the new applied paint layer would not include or extend vertically past the reconstructed cornice of the building. The motion passed, 8-0.

### **Convene KENT LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONER:** Linda Martinez

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #19.05/20.04 (*extensions*):** Bereiter House, Mill Creek Historic District – request to extend approved CoAs for the installation of a cedar Welcome Figure and Bell on museum grounds.

Steen gave a brief presentation outlining previously approved installation projects at the Bereiter House, which serves as the Greater Kent Historical Museum. The installation of the Welcome Figure and bell were delayed due to the Covid pandemic, so the 3-year time period allowed for the CoA had expired. The DRC recommended approval of the project. After calling for and hearing no public comment or additional questions from Commissioners, Chair Kralios called for a motion.

Blue/Martinez moved to extend the active approval periods of CoAs 19.05 and 20.04 to 6 years from the original approval dates as requested and recommended by the DRC. The motion passed, 8-0.

### **Convene KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chair Kralios asked for any changes/corrections to the January or February Landmarks Commission meeting minutes. Hearing none, Kralios called for a motion.

Blue/Earley moved to approve the January 26, 2023 and February 23, 2023 meeting minutes of the King County Landmarks Commission. The motion passed 5-0, with Commissioners Pham, Renouard, and Murdock abstaining.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #18.18 (*amendment*):** Olson Farm/New Community Church – request for an amendment to approved CoA for reduction in project scope and redesign of auditorium building.

Steen gave a brief presentation outlining the history of the Olson Farm and projects undertaken on the farmsite by the New Community Church, including the scope of the approved 2018 CoA. Members of the DRC reported on their meeting with the applicant, detailing the discussion around the new design for a much smaller auditorium building. Commissioners discussed the choice of a butterfly roof form for the new building, different than the other roof forms seen on historic and new buildings on the site. Some concern was expressed about the compatibility of the roof design. There were questions regarding the specific

materials proposed for the new auditorium as well. The applicant responded that they were looking at a few different material options they believed were compatible with the outbuildings on the farmsite, the final selection of which would be determined by affordability at the time of construction. Discussion continued around dates of construction of other non-historic outbuildings, an interest in matching materials existing on site in terms of color and texture, and the spatial relationship of the new auditorium building to the historic house.

Chair Kralios opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, Kralios then closed the public comment period and requested Commissioner deliberation on the proposal. After additional discussion, Commissioners generally felt the reduction in project scope and building size was a positive change to the project plan, and that on balance the new smaller auditorium building was appropriate for the site.

Blue/Murdock moved to approve the amendment to CoA #18.18 as proposed at the March 23, 2023 hearing. The motion passed, 8-0.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT:** Meisner reported on the first Regional Training of the year over Zoom, attended mostly by ILA city planners and staff. The topics included how to identify archaeology features in the field, survey methodology, and assessing integrity and criteria of historic buildings. All trainings are recorded and are or will be posted on the new KC HPP website. Meisner announced a public historic archaeology workshop at the Neely Mansion, which will include shovel probes and artifact identification. More information will be sent out as the plan is finalized. Speaking of Neely Mansion, a revised landmark nomination will be scheduled for review at the April KCLC meeting. The revised nomination will cover a much more dynamic history of the site. Steen noted that the April KCLC meeting will be held in-person at the Neely Mansion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (*general*): None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURN:** The KCLC adjourned at 6:07 p.m.