

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES*

*May 25, 2023
Zoom Conference Platform &
King Street Center
Eighth Floor – Rm 8J
Seattle, WA
(Approved 09/28/2023)*

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cristy Lake, Chair, Dean Kralios, Vice-Chair, Francesca Renouard, Jeff Murdock, Huy Pham, Amy Blue

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Amber Earley, Kim Hartman

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Steen, Jennifer Meisner

GUESTS: Amber Hageman, Tom Hitzroth, Dave Pilgrim

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lake 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 KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chair Lake asked for any changes/corrections to the March 23rd or April 27th Landmarks Commission meeting minutes. Hearing none, Lake called for a motion for each.

Murdock/Renouard moved to approve the March 23, 2023 meeting minutes of the King County Landmarks Commission. The motion passed 5-0, with Chair Lake abstaining.

Kralios/Murdock moved to approve the April 27, 2023 meeting minutes of the King County Landmarks Commission. The motion passed 5-0, with Commissioner Blue abstaining.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #23.14: Nelson Log House – proposal to install two skylights in upper floor bedrooms.

Steen gave a brief staff report outlining the history of the Nelson Log House and detailing the project proposal. Applicant/owner Amber Hageman described their intent in adding skylights to bring in natural lights to the upstairs bedrooms of the log house, and their process of determining how to accomplish this goal with minimum impact to historic fabric. Commissioner Kralios offered the DRC report, noting that the DRC had discussed the symmetry of the facade being affected by the skylight installation, but felt that the proposal as submitted met the Standards and recommended approval.

Chair Lake opened the floor to public comment. Tom Hitzroth, Kirkland resident and former landmarks commissioner, commented that he supported the project, noting that the landmarks commission had visited the site some years ago. Hearing no further comment from the public, Chair Lake asked if the Commissioners had questions of staff or the applicant. Hearing none, Chair Lake closed the floor for public comment and asked the Commissioners to deliberate on the proposal. Commissioner Blue noted that the

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

project as proposed meets the Standards. Kralios and Commissioner Pham agreed. Commissioners Murdock and Renouard stated that it was a reasonable project and easily reversible. Chair Lake stated that as long as the skylights were regularly monitored for potential water intrusion, she agreed the project met the Standards, and called for a motion.

Blue/Pham moved to approve CoA #23.14 as recommended by the DRC and as proposed at the March 23, 2023 hearing. The motion passed, 6-0.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: Meisner reported that the HP program had officially hired a second staff archaeologist, one with a background in historical archaeology. She also noted that HPP staff would be presenting on a panel for an upcoming free NAPC webinar, encouraging Commissioners to attend the training. Meisner then let the Commissioners know that the next KCLC meeting would be held at the Preston Community Center, to review a nomination application for the Preston Mill Drying Kiln, located on a nearby site currently being developed as a county park.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*general*): None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURN: The KCLC adjourned at 4:59 p.m.