

# KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES\*

*August 24, 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, Amber Earley, Kim Hartman

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** None

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

**GUESTS:** Amber Hageman, Tom Hitzroth, Heather Dean, Julie Seitz, Lanell Washington

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Lake called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Introductions of commissioners and staff were made, and the Chair outlined the structure of the hearing.

## Convene KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #23.18:** Nelson Log House – proposal to install two additional skylights in upper floor bedrooms.

Steen gave a brief staff report outlining the history of the Nelson Log House, describing the recent approved CoA application to install skylights in the upper bedrooms, and detailing the current project proposal. Applicant/owner Amber Hageman described their interest in adding additional skylights to bring in natural lights to the two other upstairs rooms 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 felt that the proposal as submitted met the Standards and recommended approval.

Chair Lake opened the floor to public comment. Hearing no 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. Commissioners generally agreed the project met the standards, and had no concerns. Chair Lake called for a motion.

Blue/Kralios moved to approve CoA #23.18 as recommended by the DRC and as proposed at the August 24, 2023 hearing. The motion passed, 8-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (general):** Julie Seitz and Lanell Washington presented photos and a verbal report about recent community events celebrating the landmarked Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURN:** The KCLC adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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

**Convene NORTH BEND LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONER:** Kevin Burrows (*recused*)

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Heather Dean

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #23.21:** 1954 Store Building, North Bend Historic Commercial District – proposal to install commercial signage.

Steen gave a brief staff report detailing the history of the small commercial space under consideration and the applicable sign guidelines. Applicant Heather Dean explained the reasoning behind the sign design. Chair Lake called for public comment. Hearing none, she asked if Commissioners had any questions of the applicant or staff. Hearing none, Lake closed the public comment portion of the meeting and invited Commissioners to deliberate. There were some questions regarding fasteners and mounting on the wood façade. Commissioners felt the sign met the standards and guidelines and had no concerns. Lake called for a motion.

Blue/Kralios moved to approve CoA #23.21 as proposed and recommended by the DRC. The motion passed, 8-0.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER’S REPORT:** Meisner reported that our new historical archaeologist Alicia Valentino was onboarded and would be offering a training session at the next Regional Preservation workshop. She also noted that staff was preparing for an upcoming survey of downtown Renton, which will begin in the new year, and that the Auburn Post Office was hosting a grand opening on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Meisner then let the Commissioners know that the October KCLC meeting would be held in-person on Vashon to review a landmark nomination for the Vashon Lutheran Church (now the Vashon Historical Museum), with an optional tour of the island before the meeting. She then invited Commission Pham to talk about his recent move from the Washington Trust to take the ED position with the Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHIP).

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

**ADJOURN:** The NBLC adjourned at 5:20 p.m.