

**KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES***

*September 28, 2023
Zoom Conference Platform &
King Street Center
Eighth Floor – Rm 8I
Seattle, WA
(Approved 12/21/2023)*

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Cristy Lake, Chair, Dean Kralios, Vice-Chair, Francesca Renouard, Jeff Murdock, Amber Earley, Kim Hartman

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Huy Pham, Amy Blue

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Steen, Jennifer Meisner

GUESTS: Kim Claussen, Bruce Benson, Michelle Bacca, Tom Hitzroth

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 #23.22: Preston Mill Drying Kiln – proposal to install metal barrier fencing across open ends of kiln structure.

Steen gave a brief staff report outlining the history of the Preston Mill Drying Kiln, describing King County Park’s plans for the development of the site and detailing the current project proposal to install 12’ metal barrier fencing. KC Parks’ Kim Claussen described their concerns about public safety driving the decision to install barrier fencing to restrict public access to the kiln’s interior. 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. Some concern was expressed on the placement of the posts and fencing panels. Commissioners generally agreed the project met the standards, but spoke in favor of adding conditions that staff review the final plans, that access gates are placed on the east end of the structure, and fence installation be considered a temporary public safety measure. Chair Lake called for a motion.

Kralios/Murdock moved to approve CoA #23.22 as recommended by the DRC and as proposed at the September 28, 2023 hearing, with the following conditions: that the final design be submitted to HPP staff for review and approval, and that access gates be installed on the east end of the kiln structure. The Commission also recommended that the fencing be considered a temporary safety measure. The motion passed, 6-0.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (*general*): None.

HISTORIC OFFICER'S REPORT: Meisner announced that HPP's next Regional Training was coming up, and it would offer two hands-on components – one on historic archaeology and bottle identification and one on reglazing historic wood windows. She also noted that the next Landmarks Commission meeting will be held on Vashon Island, with a short tour of island landmarks scheduled before the meeting. Finally, Meisner said that after a 3-year hiatus the John D. Spellman Awards will be held in person again, out at the Si View Activity Center in North Bend on December 7th. Short videos of each awardee will also be created by KCTV for social media posting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURN: The KCLC adjourned at 5:06 p.m.