

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES*

*October 26, 2023
Zoom Conference Platform &
Vashon Maury Island Land Trust
Heron Room
10014 SW Bank Road, Vashon
(Approved 12/21/2023)*

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Huy Pham, Francesca Renouard

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Steen, Jennifer Meisner

GUESTS: Holly Taylor, Elsa Croonquist, Bruce Haulman, Bob Katica, Lynn Carrigan

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lake called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m. Introductions of commissioners and staff were made, and the Chair outlined the structure of the hearing. Lake disclosed that she, Commissioner Murdock and Commissioner Hartman toured the Vashon Church and Parsonage just prior to the Landmarks Commission meeting.

Convene NORTH BEND LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER: Kevin Burrows

CITY STAFF PRESENT: None

GUESTS: None

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #23.23: Glazier's Dry Goods/Volition Brewing, North Bend Historic Commercial District, 112 W North Bend Way – proposal to paint façade including new commercial signage

Steen presented a staff report describing the history of the building and the details of the proposal. She noted that the DRC had recommended approval of the application.

Chair Lake asked Commissioner Kralios to report on the DRC meeting. Kralios said that the signage as proposed met the North Bend sign guidelines, and all the requirements of SOI Standard #9. Questions came up about the fascia along the façade. The applicant will be replacing it with salvaged boards from the interior. Chair Lake then 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.

Chair Lake asked about the Volition Brewing signage – if it was designed as their logo. Kralios responded that what was planned for the façade was the name of the business and not the logo.

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

Hearing no further comment or questions, Chair Lake closed the floor for public comment and asked the Commissioners to deliberate on the nomination application. Commissioner Blue said she agreed with the staff report's recommendation. Lake then asked for a motion.

Blue/Kralios moved to approve CoA application #23.23 as recommended by the DRC and proposed at today's hearing. The motion passed, 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*general*): None

ADJOURN: The NBLC adjourned at 5:33p.m

Convene KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING: Vashon Lutheran Church & Parsonage landmark nomination

Steen presented a staff report outlining the designation process and the staff recommendation in support of designation. Nomination author Holly Taylor presented the history and significance of the Vashon Lutheran Church and Parsonage, including her argument that it is eligible for landmark designation under criterion A1. Chair Lake invited the property owners to speak on the nomination. Elsa Croonquist, Executive Director of the Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Association/Museum, owner of the building, spoke in support of the designation. Bruce Haulman, Board President, and Board Member Bob Katica also spoke in support of landmark designation.

Chair Lake opened the floor to public comment. Museum volunteer and community member Lynn Carrigan spoke in support of the landmark designation. Hearing no further comment from the public, Chair Lake asked if the Commissioners had questions of staff or the applicant. Commissioner Kralios commented that it was a very well prepared nomination. Chair Lake asked about the original interior features of the parsonage. Steen responded that the interior of the church had been extensively altered, with no significant historic features remaining. The parsonage, while significant through its relationship with the church, would not likely be eligible for designation as a stand-alone landmark, and will continue to be used as a residence. Commissioner Hartman asked whether the more recent rear addition to the church is considered part of the designation. Steen answered yes, that the whole church building is included.

Chair Lake closed the public comment portion of the meeting and requested that the Commissioners deliberate on the nomination. Commissioner Murdock noted how important having the pair of buildings together under the designation was, saying that having both still standing is rare. He also said being able to see the buildings in person was helpful in understanding their significance despite some alterations to the façade of the church. Kralios seconded Murdock's comments. Commissioners Earley and Blue supported the designation under criteria A1, saying the nomination was excellent. Commissioner Hartman also appreciated the in-person tour, and asked about the surrounding landscape. Steen said that specific landscape elements were only included in landmark designation in special circumstances. Chair Lake said she also believed the church and parsonage met the landmark designation threshold under criterion A1.

Blue/Murdock moved to approve landmark designation of the Vashon Lutheran Church and Parsonage under King County landmark designation criterion A1, with the boundaries and significant features set forth in the staff report for today's hearing. The motion passed, 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*general*): None

HISTORIC OFFICER'S REPORT: Meisner thanked the Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Association for their stewardship of the church and parsonage, and Holly Taylor for her excellent work on the nomination. She acknowledged King County DNRP Director Christie True, resident of Vashon, who attended the hearing. Meisner noted that Landmarks Coordinator Sarah Steen had recently reached her 5 year anniversary with the HPP program, offering her congratulations. Meisner reminded the Commission about the upcoming regional workshop covering historic bottle identification and wood window repair, and that the John D. Spellman Awards will be held in person out at the Si View Activity Center in North Bend on December 7th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURN: The KCLC adjourned at 6:27 p.m.