

KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES*

*May 22, 2025
Zoom (Call-in) Conference
(Approved 07/24/2025)*

King Street Center, Eighth Floor – Rm 8F
201 S Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dean Kralios, Chair, Jeff Murdock, Vice-Chair, Kim Hartman, Huy Pham, Francesca Renouard, Laura Murphy, Richard Anderson, Cecelia Gunn

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Amy Blue

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Steen, Jennifer Meisner, Todd Scott

GUESTS: Tom Hitzroth, Holly Taylor, Suzanne Vargo, Sarah Martin, Leanette Bassetti, Lisa Hasselman, Ed Poquelle, Gail Alverson, Anthony Bassetti, Josie Galaxy, Michelle Bacca, Emily Lawsin, Marissa Barnett

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kralios called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Introductions of commissioners and staff were made, and the Chair outlined the structure of the hearing.

Convene KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING: Highland Dairy Farm Landmark Nomination

Sarah Martin, architectural historian and nomination author, presented the nomination application, describing the history and development of the dairy farm, Steen provided information about the designation process and indicated that staff agrees with Martin that the property is eligible under Criteria A1 and A3 of King County Code Section 20.62.050. Property owner Leanette Bassetti spoke in support of the nomination, and thanked 4Culture for providing grant funds for the nomination development.

Chair Kralios thanked Martin for her presentation and asked if anyone from the public wished to comment. Hearing none, Kralios asked if commissioners had any questions. Hearing no questions or additional discussion, Kralios asked about the condition of the long barn. Steen and Martin commented that the material condition was fair, but that the barn retained its historic integrity. Kralios then closed the public comment period and requested a motion.

Gunn/Anerson moved to approve landmark designation of the Highland Dairy Farm as a King County Landmark under criterion A1 and A3, with the boundaries and features of significance outlined in the staff report. The motion passed, 8-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Fujioka Farm Landmark Nomination

Steen provided information about the designation process and shared the staff recommendation that the property is eligible under Criterion A1 of King County Code Section 20.62.050. Steen also explained the

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proposed landmark boundaries, which would be limited to the northern 16 acres of the farm parcel where the historic farm cluster and significant landscape features are concentrated. Holly Taylor, architectural historian and nomination author, presented the nomination application, describing the development of the farm and the history of the Fujioka Family on Vashon Island. Property owners Lisa Hasselman and Chris Hedgpeth spoke on behalf of the nomination, stating that they were grateful that the documentation process was able to capture so much of the farm's history, and they thanked the Fujioka Family members who shared information about the farmstead and family history for the nomination.

Chair Kralios thanked Taylor for her thoughtful presentation and asked if commissioners had any questions. Commissioner Gunn asked for information about the use of the 1914 Plank House. Taylor stated that it was the first residence on the farm, occupied by the Fujioka Family when they rented the property to grow strawberries. Sometime in the 1940s the house was moved about 200' south and used as a storage shed. Kralios appreciated the depth of the story in the nomination, including the complicated trajectory of the Fujioka Family and how it reflected the experience of Japanese Americans during this period of time. Commissioner Pham commented that prior to the nomination of the Fujioka Farm, only the Mukai Farm showcased the significant population of Japanese immigrants and Japanese American families on the island prior to incarceration during WWII. Commissioner Murdock also supported the nomination. Additional discussion ensued about specific cultural features included in the nomination.

Hearing no additional questions or discussion, Chair Kralios opened the floor for public comment. Hearing none, Kralios closed the public comment period and requested a motion.

Anderson/Pham moved to approve landmark designation of the Fujioka Farm as a King County Landmark under criterion A1, with the boundaries and features of significance outlined in the staff report The motion passed, 8-0.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT:

HPO Jennifer Meisner thanked Taylor and Martin for their excellent nominations Meisner reported that HPP staff had given a presentation to the Snoqualmie Planning Commission, to explain the ILA program and to support Snoqualmie planners in their efforts to repair the city's preservation code chapter in keeping with the partnership agreement. Meisner also reported on a CLG grant application for HPP staff to perform a survey of Duvall, to lay the groundwork for a future interlocal agreement with the city. Duvall already has one landmark, regulated through the KCLC by easement, but doesn't yet have an ILA. Steen reported on the recent Cultural Resource Protection Summit, a partnership gathering and ongoing discussion hosted by the Suquamish for regional archaeologists, Tribal members, and cultural resource managers.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*general*): None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURN: The KCLC adjourned at 5:59 p.m.