

**KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES\***

*June 26, 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:** Jeff Murdock, Vice-Chair, Kim Hartman, Francesca Renouard, Laura Murphy, Cecelia Gunn

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** Amy Blue, Richard Anderson, Dean Kralios, Huy Pham

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

**GUESTS:** Tom Hitzroth, Suzanne Vargo, Russell Holter, Saxon Bisbee, Maisha Barnett, Mona Davis, Emily Lawsin

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Murdock called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m. Introductions of commissioners and staff were made, and the Chair outlined the structure of the hearing.

**Convene SNOQUALMIE LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**SPECIAL COMMISSIONER:** *vacant*

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:** Mona Davis

**GUESTS:** Russell Holter, Saxon Poinsbee

**PUBLIC HEARING** – Talgo Bistro Car #7304 Landmark Nomination

Steen provided information about the designation process and shared the staff recommendation that the property is eligible under Criterion A1, A3 and A5 of Snoqualmie Municipal Code 17.35.103 (*ref: King County Code Section 20.62.050.*) Steen also stated that staff believed the Talgo Bistro Car met Criteria Consideration #8, as a resource that has achieved exceptional significance despite being less than 40 years old. Russell Holter, architectural historian and nomination author, presented the nomination application, describing the development of the Talgo Series VI train set and its importance to the Pacific Northwest. Northwest Railway Museum representative Saxon Bisbee spoke on behalf of the nomination and offered additional information on the development of the Talgo Series VI.

Chair Kralios thanked Holter for his presentation and asked if commissioners had any questions. Commissioner Murdock asked when the Talgo train sets were removed from circulation and why. Holter responded that there had been a crash in 2017 that led to WSDOT removing the trains and scrapping all Talgo Series cars except the Bistro Car. Additional discussion occurred detailing efforts to save the Bistro Car for exhibit at the Northwest Railway Museum.

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

Chair Kralios opened the floor for public comment. Commissioner Murphy asked what the Museum's plans were for the Bistro Car. Poinsee stated that the car will be restored and will become a permanent exhibit in the Museum. Hearing no additional questions or comment, Kralios closed the public comment period and requested a motion.

Gunn/Hartman moved to approve landmark designation of the Talgo Bistro Car #7304 as a Snoqualmie Landmark under criterion A1, A3, and A5, and that the property meets Criteria Consideration #8, with the boundaries and features of significance outlined in the staff report. The motion passed, 5-0.

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

**ADJOURN:** The SLC adjourned at 5:11p.m.

### **Convene KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**OTHER BUSINESS:** KEEP Briefing on Camp Kilworth/YMCA Opening

Suzanne Vargo spoke to the Commission about the recent opening ceremony at Camp Kilworth, celebrating the YMCA's opening the camp as a day camp for local youth. Vargo also described KEEP's decision to dissolve, describing their success at saving Camp Kilworth and facilitating the camp's return to its historic use as a south King County youth camp. She said there is more work needed to prepare the camp as an overnight camp but touted the extensive volunteer turn-out as making the YMCA's timeline possible. Commissioners and staff expressed their congratulations and appreciation to KEEP and the YMCA for their work in making the camp again viable and accessible to local kids.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT:**

HPO Jennifer Meisner reported to the Commission that the Type III decision on the Baring Bridge replacement had been appealed, and staff was working with the Hearing Examiner to pull all the public records together for the closed record hearing. She will keep everyone posted on the process and outcome. Meiser also updated the Commission on the progress with developing new criteria and integrity language for King County's preservation code, and that the Preservation Action Fund (PAF) administered through Historic Seattle had successfully purchased the Auburn Carnegie Library and were in the process of stabilizing and rehabilitating the building for eventual ownership and use by the Auburn Symphony.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURN:** The KCLC adjourned at 5:34 p.m.