



Meeting Minutes

Heritage Commission

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6:30 PM

Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davies called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 10 - Chair Holly Davies, Vice Chair Dwayne Harkness, Commissioner Stephen Austin, Commissioner Mary Coacher, Commissioner Benjamin Helle, Commissioner Patricia McLain, Commissioner Rachel Newmann, Commissioner Mark Rentfrow, Commissioner Nicholas Vann, and Commissioner Heather Youckton

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Garner Miller

1.B OTHERS PRESENT

Historic Preservation Officer Michelle Sadlier
Consultant Kristin Minor
Applicant Lauren Danner

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [15-0533](#) Approval of April 22, 2015 Olympia Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were amended to include Nick Vann's recusal of himself on item 6B and a missing word was added elsewhere in the document.

The minutes were approved as amended.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - (None)

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Sadlier distributed the new Heritage Commission roster.

Commissioners Youckton and Austin introduced themselves as new members of the Commission.

Ms. Sadlier announced that the Washington Advisory Council on Historic Preservation voted unanimously to approve the Trueman and Virginia Schmidt House for the Washington Heritage Register and recommended the property for the National Register of Historic Places. The Advisory Council made the same determinations for the Washington State Library, recommending it for the National Register at the State level, as recommended by the Heritage Commission.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [15-0535](#) PUBLIC HEARING: Nomination of the Trueman and Virginia Schmidt House for the Olympia Heritage Register

Ms. Sadlier presented a staff overview of the application to place the Trueman and Virginia Schmidt House on the Olympia Heritage Register. Ms. Sadlier recommended approval of the house under the criteria category or categories that the Commission believes best reflect the property's significance.

The applicant spoke on behalf of her proposal and answered questions from Commissioners.

One member of the public, Anna Mary Fitzgerald, expressed her support of the application's approval.

The public comment section was closed and deliberation of the Commission was opened.

The Commission discussed the application with respect to the criteria and made the following determination:

To recommend the property for the Olympia Heritage Register under the following designation criteria:

B. Embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of post-war, Modern construction,

C. Is an outstanding work of the firm of Wohleb & Wohleb, particularly firm associate Gordon Stacey Bennett,

D. Exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history, and

E. Is significantly connected with the lives of Trueman Leopold and Virginia Aetzel Schmidt, both well-known members of prominent local families.

Commissioner Newmann moved, seconded by Commissioner McLain, to recommend the Trueman and Virginia Schmidt House of 2932 Maringo Road SE for the Olympia Heritage Register under the specified designation

criteria.

6.B [15-0536](#) Presentation on the City of Olympia Mid-Century Residential Survey

Consultant Kristen Minor of Peter Meijer Architect, PC presented an overview of their work on Olympia's mid-century residential survey. Ms. Sadlier noted that the Heritage Commission's Survey and Inventory Committee had provided feedback on the submitted draft report which would be shared with the consultants as they prepare the final version of the report.

The presentation was received.

6.C [15-0534](#) Approval of March 2, 2015, March 16, 2015, May 1, 2015 and May 4, 2015 Olympia Heritage Commission Heritage Review Committee Meeting Minutes

The collection of minutes was approved as amended by consensus.

7. REPORTS

7.A Downtown Committee

Commissioner Newmann gave a progress report on the Community Renewal Area process and the scope for the Downtown Strategy.

7.B Heritage Review Committee

Ms. Sadlier announced that the Heritage Review Committee will have a meeting on June 1, 2015.

7.C Maintenance Committee

The purpose and necessity of the Maintenance Committee was discussed by the Commission.

7.D Outreach Committee

Commissioner Helle noted that City staff have been finishing up the posters and planning for the Downtown Landmark Birthday events that will be held on May 29, 2015.

7.E Policy & Ordinance Committee - NONE

7.F Survey & Inventory Committee

The Committee confirmed that it had met and provided feedback for the consultant on the mid-century residential survey draft report.

7.G Staff

Ms. Sadlier noted that she and a number of Heritage Commissioners presented at the Revitalize WA conference in Bellingham and that the conference was well attended.

8. OTHER TOPICS - (None)**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.