

MINUTES

SPOKANE CITY/COUNTY HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011 CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING CENTER, CITY HALL

Chair Jim Kolva called the public hearing to order at 3:01 pm.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: COMMISSION MEMBER ABSENT:

Jamie Emmick	Jim Kolva	Ron LaBar
Kurt Kinbacher	Beth Fairfax	Greg True
Larry Howes	Jim Harper	Carl Durkoop
Lynn Mandyke		Jerry Baldwin

STAFF PRESENT:

Kristen Griffin, Historic Preservation Officer
Angie Napolitano, Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Leroy Eadie, Mike Aho, Linda Yeomans, Kevin Hekmatpanah,

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: No changes.

1. Review application for Special Valuation application for 1212 North Summit Blvd (Thomas House)

Kristen Griffin, HPO, read from the Staff Findings of Fact and showed photos. She routed the application notebook to the Commission and showed a photograph of the cabinetry from the site visit. She recommended approval of application as complete and expenses appropriate.

Larry Howes reported for the Special Valuation committee. He noted that the cabinetry noted in the application is for built-in cabinetry. Site visit was conducted on November 8, 2011. He concurred to recommend approval of Special Valuation as submitted.

Discussion included:

- Kevin Hekmatpanah, homeowner, noted that the exterior windows that were approved by the commission have been replaced and done very well.
- Larry Howes agreed that the windows were done very well.

Larry Howes moved to approve the appropriate expenses at 1212 N Summit Blvd., Spokane, WA, 99201. Kurt Kinbacher seconded.

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

2. Review of the Spokane Register Nomination for 1414 East Mission Avenue (Spokane Public Bath House)

Lynn Mandyke recused herself from this agenda item due to her involvement with this nomination. She joined the applicant and consultant at the table.

Kristen Griffin, Historic Preservation Officer (HPO), read the Staff Report of Findings and showed photos. She recommends approval under Category C.

Jim Harper reported for the Nomination Committee. The site visit was conducted on November 9, 2011. He concurred with staff findings that the property does qualify under Category C as an example of the Italian Renaissance architectural style.

Discussion included:

- Linda Yeomans, consultant, introduced Lynn Mandyke and Leroy Eadie, Director of Spokane Parks & Recreation Department. She noted that it is the only Italian Renaissance building in the park system.
- Leroy Eadie expressed appreciation for Lynn Mandyke's efforts to have the property listed and his excitement that the building is being considered. There are several ideas for the use of this building that would ensure preservation.
- Kristen commented on the diversity of buildings that the firm Whitehouse & Price has done.
- Leroy introduced Mike Aho of the Recreation Division. He has good ideas for use of the building. They are all recreation in nature which fits the original use of the building.

Jim Harper moved that based on the Findings of Fact to recommend that the Spokane Public Bath House at 1414 East Mission Avenue be nominated to the Spokane Register. Larry Howes seconded.

- Kurt Kinbacher would have liked to have it seen it nominated under Category A as well, but the literature in the nomination is very thin. Great addition to the register but would have been better to have had it added to the second category as well.
- Kristen agreed that recreation and public health are important historical contexts with national connections. She suggested that the Parks Department consider developing this historic context so that other properties could be attached to it.

Unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Lynn Mandyke returned to her position on the Commission.

3. Demolition Ordinance Revision Update

Kristen Griffin, HPO, discussed plans for continued discussions regarding ordinance revision (list of neighborhoods with historic districts; list of neighborhood council meeting times for those neighborhoods). She encouraged the Commissioners to let her know if they could participate in the public meetings. Jennifer is preparing the PowerPoint slides to be used at the public meetings. Jim Kolva suggested notifying everyone as the meetings are set up.

Addressing the coming transition with a new Mayor, Council members and President, Kristen noted that she has seen very broad support for historic preservation in Spokane, especially due to its association with economic development. Jim Kolva encouraged looking for opportunities to brief the mayor and council members on historic preservation and economic development.

Concludes Agenda items. No further business.

Public Hearing concluded at 3:41 pm

**Spokane City/County Historic Landmarks Commission
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2011**

1. Call to Order

- Meeting began at 3:41 pm

2. Approval of Minutes

- Beth Fairfax moved to approve the October 11, 2011 minutes. Larry Howes seconded. Unanimously approved.

3. Old Business

- None

4. New Business

- Garland District fire update – HPO has offered assistance.
- Ridpath hotel – nothing new.
- Michael Building – HPO have administrative approval to a revised paint scheme. Big improvement over original pink paint. The new appearance has stimulated new interest to the building.

5. Chairman's Report

- New Orleans has fantastic historic buildings.

6. HPO Staff Report

- Planning is underway for rehabilitation of the Latah (Sunset) Bridge. There will be a public open house in December. HPO will send out notice.
- Spokane International District will host an historic preservation workshop December 1st. HPO will present information on the HP program.
- HPO: gave administrative approval of fire escape to the Guse House. Hearing Examiner still has to approve the new use.
- HPO: has contacted Forest Rogers at the MAC and will meet soon.
- Beth Fairfax noted that her son is participating in the Living history program in the Campbell house over the holidays.
- HPO provided some feedback on motion procedures for hearings:
 - Ensure there is sufficient good discussion 'on the record;'
 - Make sure wording is clear (shorter is usually better);
 - Reference the basis or authority for the decision - Findings of Fact, Staff Report, Secretary Standards, etc;
 - Use proper terminology (Spokane Register for example);
 - Other Commissioners can help modify/clarify;
 - Have Secretary read back to ensure clarity. No rush, take time to get it right.
- Jim Harper noted that he appreciates the monthly updates.

7. Other

- None
- Meeting Adjourned at 4:12 pm