



**Agenda Sheet for City Council:**  
**Committee:** Urban Experience **Date:** 10/20/2025  
**Committee Agenda type:** Discussion

**Date Rec'd** 10/1/2025  
**Clerk's File #** OPR 2025-0743  
**Cross Ref #**  
**Project #**

**Council Meeting Date:** 11/10/2025

<b>Submitting Dept</b>	HISTORIC PRESERVATION	<b>Bid #</b>	
<b>Contact Name/Phone</b>	MEGAN 6543	<b>Requisition #</b>	
<b>Contact E-Mail</b>	MDUVALL@SPOKANECITY.ORG		
<b>Agenda Item Type</b>	Contract Item		
<b>Council Sponsor(s)</b>	JBINGLE		

**Sponsoring at Administrators Request** NO

**Lease?** NO **Grant Related?** NO **Public Works?** NO

**Agenda Item Name** UNION BLOCK NOMINATION TO THE REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

**Agenda Wording**  
 The Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission reviews properties for listing on the Spokane Register of Historic Places to ensure that they meet the criteria set out in SMC 17D.100. The Union Block was constructed in 1890 and has been found to meet the criteria set forth for such designation, and a management agreement has been signed by the owner.

**Summary (Background)**

The Spokane Historic Landmarks Commission reviews properties for listing on the Spokane Register of Historic Places to ensure that they meet the criteria set out in SMC 17D.100. The Union Block at 218 N Howard Street was constructed in 1890 and has been found to meet the criteria set forth for such designation, and a management agreement has been signed by the owner.

APPROVED BY:  
 SPOKANE CITY COUNCIL:  
*November 10, 2025*  


**MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

The Management Agreement is entered into this **17th** day of **September, 2025**, by and between the City of Spokane (hereinafter “City”), acting through its Historic Landmarks Commission (“Commission”), and **HOWARD PARTNERS LLC/GERRYS TREE & NURSERY INC (c/o Kevin Edwards)** (hereinafter “Owner”), the owners of the property located at **218-220 N Howard** commonly known as the **Union Block** in the City of Spokane.

WHEREAS, the City of Spokane has enacted Chapter 4.35 of the Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) and Spokane has enacted Chapter 1.48 of the Spokane County Code (SCC), both regarding the establishment of the Historic Landmarks Commission with specific duties to recognize, protect, enhance and preserve those buildings, districts, objects, sites and structures which serve as visible reminders of the historical, archaeological, architectural, educational and cultural heritage of the city and county is a public necessity and.

WHEREAS, both Ch. 17D.100 SMC and Ch. 1.48 SCC provide that the City/County Historic Landmarks Commission (hereinafter “Commission”) is responsible for the stewardship of historic and architecturally significant properties in the City of Spokane and Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, the City has authority to contract with property owners to assure that any owner who directly benefits by action taken pursuant to City ordinance will bind her/his benefited property to mutually agreeable management standards assuring the property will retain those characteristics which make it architecturally or historically significant;

NOW THEREFORE, -- the City and the Owner(s), for mutual consideration hereby agree to the following covenants and conditions:

1. CONSIDERATION. The City agrees to designate the Owner’s property an Historic Landmark on the Spokane Register of Historic Places, with all the rights, duties, and privileges attendant thereto. In return, the Owner(s) agrees to abide by the below referenced Management Standards for his/her property.

2. COVENANT. This Agreement shall be filed as a public record. The parties intend this Agreement to constitute a covenant that runs with the land, and that the land is bound by this Agreement. Owner intends his/her successors and assigns to be bound by this instrument. This covenant benefits and burdens the property of both parties.

3. ALTERATION OR EXTINGUISHMENT. The covenant and servitude and all attendant rights and obligations created by this Agreement may be altered or extinguished by mutual agreement of the parties or their successors or assigns. In the event Owner(s) fails to comply with the Management Standards or any City ordinances governing historic landmarks, the Commission may revoke, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, this Agreement.

4. PROMISE OF OWNERS. The Owner(s) agrees to and promises to fulfill the following Management Standards for his/her property which is the subject of the Agreement. Owner intends to bind his/her land and all successors and assigns. The Management Standards are: "THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION AND GUIDELINES FOR REHABILITATING HISTORIC BUILDINGS (36 CFR Part 67)." Compliance with the Management Standards shall be monitored by the Historic Landmarks Commission.

5. HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION. The Owner(s) must first obtain from the Commission a "Certificate of Appropriateness" for any action which would affect any of the following:

- (A) demolition;
- (B) relocation;
- (C) change in use;
- (D) any work that affects the exterior appearance of the historic landmark; or
- (E) any work affecting items described in Exhibit A.

6. In the case of an application for a "Certificate of Appropriateness" for the demolition of a landmark, the Owner(s) agrees to the provisions as set forth in SMC 17D100.220.

This Agreement is entered into the year and date first above written.

Phil Cahill MEMBER OF LLC  
Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Owner

**CITY OF SPOKANE**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER**

Megan M.K. Duvall  
Megan M.K. Duvall

**CITY OF SPOKANE**

[Signature]  
City Administrator

**ATTEST:**

[Signature]  
City Clerk



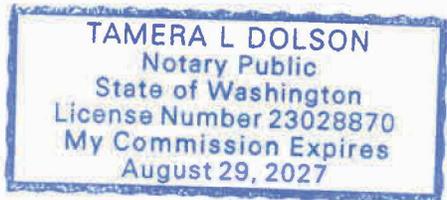
**Approved as to form:**

[Signature]  
Assistant City Attorney

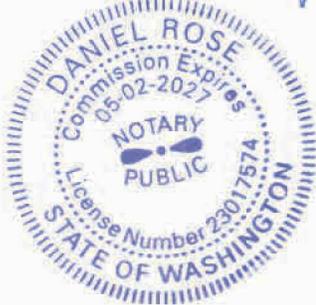
STATE OF Washington )  
County of Spokane ) ss.

On this 2nd day of September, 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, personally appeared Karen Edwards, to me known to be the individual(s) described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he (he/she/they) signed the same as his (his/her/their) free and voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 2nd day of September, 2025.



Sandra Debon  
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Spokane  
My commission expires August 29, 2027



STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
County of Spokane ) ss.

On this 12th day of November, 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, personally appeared Alexander Scott, CITY ADMINISTRATOR and TERRI L. PFISTER, to me known to be the City Administrator and the City Clerk, respectively, of the CITY OF SPOKANE, the municipal corporation that executed the within and foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the said instrument to be the free and voluntary act and deed of said municipal corporation, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and on oath stated that they were authorized to execute said instrument and that the seal affixed is the corporate seal of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 12th day of November, 2025.

[Signature]  
Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, residing at Spokane  
My commission expires May 2nd, 2027

**Attachment A**

None

## **Secretary of The Interior's Standards**

- 1.** A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.
- 2.** The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.
- 3.** Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.
- 4.** Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.
- 5.** Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.
- 6.** Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.
- 7.** Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.
- 8.** Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.
- 9.** New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.
- 10.** New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.