



## SPOKANE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM by Jacque West

### Attendance

- Commission Members Present: Jacque West, Sylvia Tarman, Amanda Paulson, Austin Dickey, Cole Taylor, Daniel Zapotocky, Ernie Robeson, Jill-Lynn Nunemaker, Jodi Kittel, Ray Rast
- Commission Members Not Present: Betsy Bradley
- Staff Present: Megan Duvall, Stephanie Bishop

### Hearings

#### **1. Review for Spokane Register Application: Eastman-Heritage House - 1214 S Cook St:**

- Staff Report: Megan Duvall, *Historic Preservation*
- Committee Report: Ray Rast
- Applicant Report: John and Pat Hagney
- Questions asked and answered

Public Testimony: None

Jill-Lynn Nunemaker moved, based on Findings of Fact, that the Eastman-Heritage House at 1214 South Cook Street is eligible under Categories B and C, and is recommended for approval by the City Council to be placed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places. Ray Rast seconded; motion carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 3:23 PM.

Briefing Session: Meeting called to order at 3:24 PM by Jacque West

March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes approved unanimously.

#### **1. Old Business:**

- The HP Specialist position is waiting in the Mayor's Office. Mayor Woodward has final authority on hiring for the position.
- Megan gave a quick update on the Cannon Historic District and that outreach will hopefully ramp up again as the state reopens from COVID restrictions.
- Megan gave an update on the proposed ordinance amending the regulations for the adaptive re-use of historic properties. The amendment would clarify existing regulations concerning the adaptive re-use of historic properties, enhance the role of the Landmarks Commission's involvement in historic re-use decisions, and would increase flexibility on

the adaptive re-use of historic properties. It just went before a City Council subcommittee and will be heading to City Council for approval.

2. New Business:

- Nominations for the Waikiki House, Libby Middle School (Junior High), a house on Cleveland/Howard (one block south of Corbin Park) are the three items that will be on the June agenda. Amanda and Ernie would like to attend the Waikiki House site visit, as long as we don't have enough members for a quorum.
- Façade improvement grants have been announced. The deadline is June 1st.
- Megan reviewed the term expirations for commissioners to get an idea of the positions that will need to be filled at the end of 2021. The only position that will need to be replaced is the Preservation Construction Specialist, and Megan asked commissioners to be thinking about people who may be qualified and interested.

3. Chairman's Report:

- None

4. HPO Staff Report:

- Megan advised she was looped into a group of people who are trying to place a historic marker with information about the downtown international district (former Chinatown/Japanese community).
- Commissioners discussed the possibility of going back to in-person meetings in the fall and whether SHLC wants to move back to in-person meetings at all.
- Megan discussed the grant application for a survey and inventory of the area from Liberty Park to Thor and 4th to the bluff. It would be mostly a pictorial survey with background of people and culture of those who have lived there. The grant application is for \$16,000 and should be decided on in July.

5. Other Announcements:

- Daniel asked about any updates on the Chancery Building, but Megan advised there haven't been any updates recently. She did receive a call from someone asking about demolition of buildings in a historic district but wasn't sure they were asking about that building specifically.
- Megan advised the Otis got the State Preservation Rehab Award.
- Megan shared information on some new eating establishments that have or are going to be opening in historic buildings, including several in a food court at the Wonder Building.
- Megan is still working on an economic development report showing the economic impact of Historic Preservation.

6. The next Hearing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Briefing Session adjourned at 4:06 PM.