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SPOKANE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Regularly Scheduled November Meeting
Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 3:01 PM by Jill-Lynn Nunemaker

Attendance

- Commission Members Present: Chris Noll, Jill-Lynn Nunemaker, Donna Punihaole, Dana Bronson, Elizabeth Wood (remote), Cole Taylor (remote, departed at 3:14), Nicholas Reynolds, Mac McCandless
- Commission Members Not Present: Tim Dickerson (excused), Dawn Wynne, Tom Sawyer
- Staff Present: Megan Duvall, Logan Camporeale

Hearings

1. **Historic Register Nomination: Isaac and Tillie Baum House – 1830 West Pacific Avenue**
   - Staff Report: Historic Preservation Officer Megan Duvall
   - Committee Report: Cole Taylor: committee in agreement with findings of fact
   - Applicant Report: Alec Haldeman & Dustin Drout (owners) Diana Painter (consultant)
   - Questions asked and answered.
     - Public Testimony: None

   Dana Bronson moved, based on Findings of Fact, that the Baum House at 1840 West Pacific Avenue is eligible under Category A and B, and recommended for approval by the City Council to be placed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places. Mac McCandless seconded; motion carried unanimously. (8-0).

2. **Historic Register Nomination: John F. And Barabara E. Phillips House – 611 S. Montavilla Drive**
   - Staff Report: Historic Preservation Officer Megan Duvall
   - Committee Report: Cole Taylor: committee in agreement with findings of fact
   - Applicant Report: Thomas W. Phillips (owner) Diana Painter (consultant)
   - Questions asked and answered.
     - Public Testimony: None

   Dana Bronson moved, based on Findings of Fact, that the Phillips House at 611 South Montavilla Drive is eligible under Category C, and recommended for approval by the City Council to be placed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places. Nicholas Reynolds seconded; motion carried unanimously. (7-0).

3. **Special Valuation Application: Hotel Collins – 701 West Second Avenue**
   - Staff Report: Historic Preservation Officer Megan Duvall
   - Committee Report: Nicholas Reynolds: committee in agreement with findings of fact

- Applicant Report: Robbie Bernardin (project manager)
- Questions asked and answered.

  - Public Testimony: None

Donna Punihaole moved, based on Findings of Fact, the Spokane Historic Register Management Agreement, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation that the application for Special Valuation of the Hotel Collins at 701 W 2nd Ave be approved. Mac McCandless seconded; motion carried unanimously (7-0).

4. Special Valuation Application: Kiernan House – 620 West 16th Avenue

- Staff Report: Historic Preservation Officer Megan Duvall
- Committee Report: Nicholas Reynolds: committee in agreement with findings of fact
- Applicant Report: Paula and John Siok (owners)
- Questions asked and answered.

  - Public Testimony: None

Donna Punihaole moved, based on Findings of Fact, the Spokane Historic Register Management Agreement and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation that the application for Special Valuation of the Kiernan House at 620 W 16th Ave be approved. Nicholas Reynolds seconded; motion carried unanimously (7-0).

5. Special Valuation Application: Murgittroyd House – 516 West Sumner Avenue

- Staff Report: Historic Preservation Officer Megan Duvall
- Committee Report: Nicholas Reynolds: committee in agreement with findings of fact
- Applicant Report: none
- Questions asked and answered.

  - Public Testimony: None

Donna Punihaole moved, based on Findings of Fact, the Spokane Historic Register Management Agreement, and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation that the application for Special Valuation of the Murgittroyd House at 516 W Sumner Ave be approved. Mac McCandless seconded; motion carried unanimously (7-0).

6. Special Valuation Application: Corbin Park Contributing – 727 West Waverly Avenue

- Staff Report: Historic Preservation Officer Megan Duvall
- Committee Report: Nicholas Reynolds: committee in agreement with findings of fact
- Applicant Report: none
- Questions asked and answered.

  - Public Testimony: None

Donna Punihaole moved, based on Findings of Fact, the contributing property was listed on the Spokane Register of Historic Places in July of 1991 as a part of the Corbin Park Historic District and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation that the application for Special Valuation of the contributing property at 727 W Waverly Place be approved. Nicholas Reynolds seconded; motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Public hearing concluded at 4:15PM

Briefing Session: Meeting called to order at 4:15 PM by Jill-Lynn Nunemaker

November 19, 2025 meeting minutes accepted, moved by Nicholas, approved without objection.

1. Old Business:
   - Megan gave update on Cannon Hill Park Historic District passage.
   - Megan gave update on upcoming SHLC term reappointment.
   - Logan gave update on Façade Improvement Grants in 2025 and previewed grant budget for 2026. Mentioned Journal of Business feature on grant program.
   - Megan gave an update on historic preservation in the comprehensive plan update and the upcoming rewrite of section 17 of the Spokane Municipal Code.
   - Megan gave update on stolen plaques from historic bridges.

2. New Business:
   - Megan and Logan previewed agenda item for December, a new construction review in the Cannon Streetcar Suburb Local Historic District. The commission asked questions and had discussion.
   - Megan suggested she will host a holiday party for the SHLC.
   - Elizabeth gave a report on the Hamatsa Spirit Totem Pole in Riverfront Park.
   - Megan mentioned restructuring of Historic Preservation Department but did not have much detail to share.

3. Donna gave report on the success of SPA's home tour and mentioned SPA's holiday party on December 6.

4. Mac thanked Megan for her support on the Bing Crosby Way effort and gave a recap of the dedication ceremony.

5. The next SHLC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2025, but no hearing is anticipated only a workshop.

Briefing Session adjourned at 5:05PM.

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