



# CLARK COUNTY

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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### MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

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| Members Present: | Sean Denniston (Chair), Julie Bohn, Feli Garcia, Andy Gregg (Vice-Chair), Greg Fuz, Michelle Kapitanovich, and Donald Trost |
| Members Absent:  |   |
| Staff Present:   | Sharon Lumbantobing and Jacqui Kamp (Clark County), Mark Person (City of Vancouver)   |
| Guests:          | Brad Richardson (Clark County Historic Museum), Carrie Schulstad (Downtown Vancouver Association)                           |

1. Don Trost made motion to move the Committee update agenda item to after New Business. Michelle Kapitanovich seconded. All were in favor.
2. **Roll Call & Introductions:** Commission members introduced themselves.
3. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 2, 2020.** Denniston made a minor edit. Kapitanovich made a motion to approve the minutes and Gregg seconded. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Public Comment** on any items NOT on the agenda.

Carrie Shulstad thanked the commission and Brad Richardson from the CCHM for the work on the interpretive panels for downtown Camas.

### 5. **Public Hearing: Nomination to the Clark County Heritage Register for DuBois Motor Building (500 Washington Street, Vancouver, WA)**

Denniston opened the hearing. No commission members had any ex-parte contacts and conflicts of interest.

Person gave a summary of the Staff Report. The DuBois buildings meets Criteria 1 in that it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of



national, state, or local history. It is associated with Criterion 4 in that it exemplifies or reflects special elements of the county's history. It is associated with Criterion 5 because of its association with the lives of persons significant in national, state, or local history. Staff recommends that the commission approve the amendment to the Clark County Heritage Register nomination for DuBois Motor as submitted.

Brad Richardson, the applicant, provided further background on the building, its uses, its historic context with automobile sales in Vancouver and the Pacific Northwest, and the significance of the DuBois family.

HPC questions of the applicant:

- Why is there wood paneling on the front that is different from the brick? It is believed that the wood panels are the spots where the original bay doors were located.
- Was this built specifically as an automobile showroom or did it have a different original use? The first tenant is the DuBois Motor Company. It was originally an automobile showroom and dealership (around 1927-1928).

No public comment was made during the public comment period.

The public hearing was closed.

The commission deliberated.

- The language in the narrative about contributing and non-contributing buildings does not apply to individual buildings. This language only applies to historic districts. Request to revise this language in the application.
- Statements of fact in the narrative are not sourced. There is no linkage between the narrative and the bibliography. This needs to be revised.
- Criteria 2 could also be met. This is not a requirement for approval, but the applicant should revisit to see if Criteria 2 could be met.
- The building had a 60-year history of being an automotive dealership in Vancouver, until the 1980s when VanMall took over as the center of commerce. The building is the last remaining vestige of the automobile district in downtown Vancouver.

Trost made a motion to approve the nomination with the condition that the applicant's narrative: 1) remove the language about contributing and non-contributing buildings (this language only applies to historic districts), and 2) include sources for the statements of fact. The applicant should investigate the applicability of Criteria 2, but this is not a condition of approval of the nomination. Kapitanovich seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken to approve the motion. Denniston stated that the motion passed unanimously (7-0).

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## **Old Business & Updates**

Review of Camas Interpretive Panels: Brad Richardson gave an update and shared the text for Camas Interpretive Panels that are being produced with funds from the Clark County Historic Promotions Grant. The next step is the text and photos will get sent to the County's graphic designer for design and layout, and then fabrication by a vendor.

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## **New Business**

- CCHM request for Lecture Series sponsorship (Brad Richardson) . Denniston recused himself from this discussion. Richardson thanked the HPC for their past support for the lecture series and explained that the Vancouver school district is interested in using the recorded virtual lecture series in the classroom to support their virtual content. Denniston stated that the city of Vancouver has not yet approved the HPC budget for 2021. The HPC cannot vote on this request until we have budget approval.
- Vancouver Code revision comment for City Council. On September 14, 2020, city councilor Sarah Fox proposed revising the Heritage Overlay District language and the city council voted it down. Gregg made a motion to form a subcommittee to review the council hearing, draft a letter to the city council on behalf of the HPC, and possibly attend a city council meeting to discuss this issue with the council. Bohn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Subcommittee members are: Andy Gregg, Greg Fuz, and Sean Denniston.
- The 2020 Cultural Resource Summit will be virtual this year from Oct 20-21, 2020. Staff applied for free registration for one HPC member and it was awarded by the organizers. Feli Garcia volunteered to attend the virtual conference.

## **Committee Updates**

Demolition committee recommendation discussion: The demolition subcommittee reviewed the proposed code changes with the Historic Preservation Commission. Trost made a motion to direct staff to request the Community Planning Director to consider adding this to the 2021 Work Plan for Community Planning and then take to council for their approval. Kapitanovich seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the vote passed unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

This meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.