



# CLARK COUNTY

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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### MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, November 6, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver, WA

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Members Present:	Julie Bohn, Sean Denniston, Alex Gall, Michelle Kapitanovich, Donald Trost, Andy Gregg, and Roch Manley
Members Absent:	
Staff Present:	Jacqui Kamp and Sharon Lumbantobing (Clark County) and Mark Person and Jan Bader (City of Vancouver)
Guests:	Brad Richardson, Holly Chamberlain

- 1. Roll Call & Introductions:** Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- 2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from October 2, 2019.** Kapitanovich made a motion to approve the minutes and Trost seconded. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3.** Gall made a motion to move public comment to beginning of meeting and Trost seconded. All were in favor.
- 4. Public Comment:** Brad Richardson stated that the Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation approved Summit Grove Lodge on the state heritage register. It holds the distinction of being the first rest stop in the state of Washington.
- 5. Public Hearing – Nomination to CCHR: Fort Vancouver Regional Library.**

Person gave a summary of the proposal and stated that the nomination met the criteria for listing on the Clark County Heritage Register.

The chair asked if the HPC had questions for staff. What is the special element of the library to the county's history? It is the expansion of the regional library system at that time.



Presentation by the applicant: Richardson stated that the library is one of the first modern style buildings to be considered for listing on the register. This library was a launching pad for Donald Cassady's architectural career. He carried the mantel for architecture from then on. DAHP said that the building has elements of new formalism. Eva Santee established the regional public library system in this building. The building is the center of historical importance in the county. Many people in the community have a lot of connection with this building. This listing on the CCHR sets a benchmark for recognizing more mid-century architectural styles on the local register.

Gall asked if there is any reason to include the parcel map with the new map and state in the nomination that the building footprint is what is being nominated, not the entire property. Person will amend the nomination to state that only the building footprint is being nominated and attach new maps.

Denniston asked about the reference to the international style (and not just modernism in general) being mentioned in the nomination because there is brickwork and other elements on the library building that are not characteristic of the international style. There have been vernacular adaptations on the building that is not part of the international style.

The chair opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment.

The HPC deliberated:

- Manley: Amazed that the building has not been significantly altered or changed over the years. One technical item was the roof was PPO in 1994. It would have been a tricky material to use at that time.
- Kapitanovich: Grew up going to the library and glad to see it being listed.
- Trost: Recognizes that this is a significant building in this community.
- Denniston: The nomination is well done and fully supports this being listed even if not his favorite style.
- Gregg: The Historic Preservation Commission participated with the museum on a first Thursday lecture that included Stewart and Cassady.
- Gregg made a motion to approve the staff recommendation. Roch seconded the motion. Denniston made a friendly amendment to the motion to amend the nomination to indicate that the nomination only includes the footprint of the building. Gregg seconded the amended motion. The HPC voted unanimously to approve the staff recommendation to add the FVRL library to the CCHR with the stated amendments.

The public hearing was closed.

## **6. New Business**

- Wed, January 1, 2020, falls on New Year's Day. The commission decided to move the meeting to Wed, Jan 8, 2020.
- Feedback on Slocum House kitchen designs: Jan Bader provided design options for the commission to consider and provide feedback on. Option A would add a couple of walls

and end up with a pass through window where the hall is, and add counters and door. Option C adds a sliver of wall and a waist height service counter. Not planning to be a full service kitchen, more of a coffee shop space. The city leases the building to the farmer's market, office upstairs and gallery downstairs that has moved out. City wants a public space. Denniston suggested that the option with the lowest level of intervention is best, so Option C would be preferred. Manley likes the openness of activity between patrons and the coffee shop that is shown in Option C versus Option A, which is more like a school cafeteria coming up to a window with your tray. Bohn shared that some coffee shops still require grease traps even though they don't serve food in a full service kitchen. The least impactful design would be favorable to the commission.

## 7. Old Business

- **2020 Historic Promotions Grant Update** – Council approved the HPC recommendation to fund the 8 HPG grants for 2020, and the 4 interpretive panels for Camas. Council also approved the historic code updates to amend the procedure for the city to appoint two members to the commission and the county to appoint five.
- **CCHM Budget Discussion:** Discussion was held about CCHM's budget request of \$2,000 for the 2020 Thursday Speaker Series that was presented at the HPC meeting in October. The lecture series seems to be growing and reaching more and more people. Outreach is important to the commission. Gregg made a motion to approve the \$2,000 for the museum's lecture series. Trost seconded. Denniston abstained. The motion passed.
- **Intangible Heritage Committee (ICH) Update:** Lumbantobing shared direction from the Community Planning Director that the department doesn't have the resources to take on this project at this time. The hope is to continue discussion with DAHP to see if they are interested in establishing an ICH register at the state level.
- **Demolition Committee: No update at this time.**
  - Webber building: Bader says city is doing an assessment of the building to see if it would be eligible for listing on historic register. Commission requested city planning staff to come to an HPC meeting in early 2020 to discuss the city's plans for the waterfront area and impact on potentially historic buildings.
  - WA School for the Deaf – Bader asked the commission how they would like to respond to letters like this from DAHP. The commission would like to review these letters as they come in to see how they would like to get involved on a case by case basis. The commission members stated that they would like to invite the School for the Deaf to come to an HPC meeting to learn more about this proposed demolition. Commission would like to know what stage the project is in, what the timeline is, and if there are opportunities early on to discuss adaptive re-use, if the project isn't too far along. Bader will contact the state to find out more info and work to coordinate with the School for the Deaf representatives to come to a future meeting.

- **Providence Academy site:** A letter has been drafted regarding concerns about the proposed development for the historic Providence Academy site building. Phase 1 has a land use application approved but not a building permit.
  - Gregg suggested the letter be used as a preemptive for Phase 2 as Phase 1 is complete.
  - Trost stated that the letter provides education, and legitimate concerns, of how the HPC reviews and what the city will hear from the HPC in preparation for Phase 2. It shows what the HPC finds important about review processes to help preserve the heritage of our community.
  - Commission members had minor edits to provide by end of next week.
  - Subcommittee will develop an Executive Summary which could be started with the three statements on page 1. The letter will be a memo to City Council and Mayor and Planning department, with cc to the Historic Trust, DAHP, the developer, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and be signed by the Chair and Vice Chair.
  - Committee will finalize letter and the commission will review and vote on issuance of letter at the December meeting.

8. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.