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TO: Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Mark Person, Senior Planner

RE: Request for review and comment regarding repairs to the Providence Academy

Background

Vancouver has received an application for heritage overlay for repairs and ADA upgrades to the Academy Building at 400 E Evergreen Boulevard. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP 1978) and within Vancouver's Heritage Overlay District Number One.

Per VMC 20.510.030.B Exterior Alterations

All exterior alterations to a historic building or a structure located within a Heritage Overlay District, visible from a public street or other public place, and all exterior alterations to a building listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places, including changes to signs, marquees, awnings, canopies or other building appendages, whether a building permit is required or not, as well as wall murals shall require advisory review by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission. The standards for such review shall be those standards pertaining to architectural style, design, arrangement, texture, materials, color, and other pertinent factors designated in this section as standards for review of new construction and alterations to buildings within the specific Heritage Overlay District within which such property is located. The Clark County Historic Preservation Commission shall apply the standards for historic preservation projects which appear as Title 36, C.F.R., Part 67 of the Federal Register and shall consult with the Planning Official on any exterior alterations to a historic building within Heritage Overlay District.

Proposed Development

The applicant has submitted plans showing the proposed structural repair of the balcony/deck elements along the northern and northeastern portions of the building where weather damaged posts are creating sagging. Additionally, the existing guardrail system will be made code-compliant by adding a cable rail system above the existing guardrail to a height of 42 inches. All proposed repairs or restorations will be painted to match the historical theme of the existing building.

The project also includes improved ADA access. The existing concrete ramp at the east entrance will be replaced and brought up to current code, with additional ADA access paths. A new metal

ADA ramp will be added to the north side near the entrance to Providence Hall. The proposed guardrail system will be designed to match the existing style and profile.

Request

Staff requests the Commission's input on this proposal to incorporate into the heritage overlay land use decision and building permit.

Attachments

- Applicant Narrative
- Applicant Plans
- Applicant Presentation