



CLARK COUNTY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Public Service Center
1300 Franklin St., 6th Floor
Vancouver, WA
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MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.
6th Floor Hearing Room, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver, WA

These are summary, not verbatim, minutes. Audio recordings are available on the Historic Preservation Commission's page at www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/historic-preservation-commission.

Members Present:	Julie Bohn, Sean Denniston, Alex Gall, Michelle Kapitanovich, Donald Trost, Andy Gregg
Members Absent:	Roch Manley
Staff Present:	Jacqui Kamp (Clark County) and Jan Bader (City of Vancouver)
Guests:	Lisa Aga (Fifield House)

- Roll Call & Introductions:** Commission members and staff introduced themselves.
- Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2019.** Denniston made a motion to approve the minutes and Kapitanovich seconded. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
- Bertha “Bertie” Fifield House/Kapus Granary (15716 NE 112th Ave):** Lisa Aga, the new property owner, discussed possible future window repair/replacement, guardrails on decks for insurance, and painting the siding. The owner’s homeowner’s insurance is requiring safety and maintenance improvements. The commission encouraged submitting photos and examples of what they would like to propose as improvements/changes to the structure. The commission also suggested that some of the improvements may be a staff review and not require a hearing to the commission. Kamp asked the Aga to email staff to begin reviewing any improvements that they are ready to get started on, such as the railings for safety.
- New Business**
 - Ridgefield Fire Station (Station 24) (built in 1941) at 117 N. Third Ave. possibly to be closed and sold. Staff will keep the commission posted on information related to the building.
- Old Business**



- **Rules and Procedures Update:** Historic Promotions Grant section. The commission provided feedback and revisions for the first draft. Staff will make the revisions and accept any others via email.
- **Intangible Cultural Heritage Committee Update:** A letter to DAHP has been drafted to encourage DAHP to establish an ICH register at the state level. Commission members reviewed and approved the letter to be signed by Chair Gall.
- **Providence Academy site:** A letter has been drafted to the City of Vancouver regarding the HPC's concerns about the proposed development for the historic Providence Academy site building. Commission members reviewed, agreed on revisions discussed. Trost made a motion to approve the letter for the Chair and Vice Chair to sign, once revised, Bohn seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Staff reminded members if they are interested in the reinforced masonry conference in Seattle in May to let them know.
- Jan Bader informed the commission that the School for the Deaf will be attending the HPC Jan. 8 meeting to present on the plans for the school's buildings. Jan also updated the commission on her progress of updating the City of Vancouver historic code. There was discussion regarding the Heritage Overlay code, which is not proposed for update at this time. Bader suggested the commission get involved with the City Center Vision Plan that will include planning for the areas that are within the heritage overlays.
- Reminder that the next HPC meeting will be held on **Wed, Jan 8, 2020** (as Jan 1 is a public holiday).

6. Public Comment:

- Marianne Russell: from the Proto-Cathedral of St. James. She was opposed to Phase 1 of the Providence development and is opposed to Phase 2. She thanked the commission for composing the letter.
- Brad Richardson: from the Clark County Historical Museum. He is interested in partnering with the commission and commission staff in 2020 to work on a mechanism related to public concern about the threat of demolition for historic structures.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.