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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shopes called the regular meeting of the City's Historic Preservation Commission to order at 6:35 pm in the Council Chambers conference room. Attending members were William Shopes, *Chair*, Joyce Lhamon, Linda Costello, David Williams, Glenn Hartmann, Jim McNett and Pamela Jordaan (*Administrative Secretary*). Attending guest was Gerald Elfendahl.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 5, 2009, AGENDA

Commissioner Joyce Lhamon moved and Commissioner David Williams seconded the motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 5, 2009 MINUTES

Chair William Shopes moved to approve the February 5, 2009, meeting minutes agenda and Commissioner Glenn Hartmann seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS

Lachac House (10944 Madison Avenue): Mr. Lachac called with demo notification to HPC on February 18, 2009. Mr. Lachac stated that the roof is caving in and that the house is in bad shape. He would like to demolish this house and replace with a new house.

Chair Shopes took a look at the house and has called Mr. Lachac several times but has not yet heard back from him. Commissioner Lhamon also briefly visited the house, guessing that the building was built somewhere around 1916. Commissioner Lhamon stated that there is possible roof damage and unless the wood is rotten the house is most

likely repairable. Pror history is unavailable and is not on inventory. Commissioner David Williams also took a brief look at the property and asked why demo the building to which Commissioner Lhamon replied that Mr. Lachac said that the roof is caving in.

Commissioner Lhamon said that she will document the building, take photos, and get in contact with Mr. Lachac.

OLD BUSINESS

NRHP NOMINATIONS – UPDATE ON STATUS

A. BLAKELY HARBOR PARK – No new information.

B. STRAWBERRY CANNERY PLANT PARK – Chair Shopes said that the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) is not enthusiastic about either site (Blakely Harbor Park and Strawberry Cannery Plant Park). Commissioner Linda Costello suggested that these two sites be considered as maritime heritage. Gerald Elfendahl suggested that the sites should be listed on the local and state historic registers. Commissioner Jim McNett stated that there should be more items, (structures, etc.), remaining on the sites for consideration of national or state historic preservation, but the sites are still important to Bainbridge Island. Commissioner Costello said that HPC needs to corroborate with interested and concerned parties such as the DAHP as well as the community and come up with one plan. Chair Shopes pointed out that the City does have a right to issue a demo permit for these sites and that HPC cannot compel historic preservation. Chair Shopes understood, at a joint meeting between the Parks District and the City Council, that a majority approved the salt marsh site restoration plan. Gerald Elfendahl mentioned that Mr. Kerns (Elliott Bay Trustees) conveyed that it is up to the Parks District and the City what is to become of the site(s). Gerald Elfendahl was appointed by Mr. Kerns as the consulting agent.

Mr. Elfendahl asked the Commission if they would accept the application as a nomination to the local register. Commissioner Lhamon pointed out that they can do nothing unless the owner(s) approve and sign the application. Commissioner Glenn Hartmann stated that the HPC needs to address the issue as to whether or not the site(s) hold significant historical value, and that there is no empirical data supporting the lack of archaeological/historic/prehistoric significance. Commissioner Hartmann suggested that the Commission evaluate what Mr. Elfendahl has prepared and then see if HPC is unanimous in the decision to recommend/submit the nomination application to the owner. It was decided that the Commission members would send their opinions to Chair Shopes for presentation to the City Council.

WATER TOWER – UPDATE – No new information.

CITY HALL DISPLAY – The display has been found and placed in position. The Commission approved new location.

LANDMARK MARKERS – Commissioner Lhamon said that a committee meeting will be held next week regarding the design and production of plaques.

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION OF SURVEYED PROPERTIES PROJECT – Commissioner Jim McNett mentioned that HPC should create a list of “modern inventory” structures that qualify for the local registry. Commissioner McNett to meet with owner of *360 Modern Real Estate*, who has a compilation of such buildings.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS FOUND OF SURVEYED PROPERTIES – Commissioner Lhamon reported to the Commission that the *Bainbridge Island Historical Society (BIHS)* has applied for a grant regarding research/data update of the historic inventory. Commissioner Lhamon’s concern was whether or not BIHS needs approval from HPC

for this grant application and if there could be legal repercussion should BIHS work on the inventory (noting that HPC is a government organization and that BIHS is a non-profit organization). Chair Shopes said that HPC only maintains the inventory and does not own it. Commissioner Hartmann suggested that HPC write a letter to BIHS endorsing gratitude and appreciation for updating the inventory. Chair Shopes agreed and will draft letter. Commissioner David Williams posed the question as to who would be micro-managing the project, pointing out that HPC and BIHS may have different ideas and look for different details.

NEW BUSINESS

A. LOCAL REGISTER – POTENTIAL NEW APPLICATIONS

Quitslund; Heritage Barn – 14012 Sunrise Avenue: Per Chair Shopes, owner has already started repairing the barn (replacing old roof with a corrugated steel roof). It was recommended that the owner (Quitslund) submit a nomination application to HPC. Chair Shopes stated that it may be a rehab versus a restoration project and that HPC will want to visit the structure should an application be submitted.

Sportsmen's Club: Commissioner Costello to possibly meet with owners this summer.

B. PRESERVATION – POTENTIAL PRESERVATION ISSUES AND OBJECTS

382 Wyatt Way: Chair Shopes reported that this home is for sale with sales pitch of "available for development". This building is on inventory, no. 18-105. Commissioner Lhamon suggested sending historical information to the real estate agent. Chair Shopes agreed.

The Smith House – 4575 New Sweden Avenue NE: Chair Shopes reported that this home is for sale and that the current owners are proud of their home being listed on the local historic registry.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Dr. Shepard Home and Clinic Staff Report Revision: Planning staff member, Kelly Tayara, submitted revised wording of the staff report under BIMC Section 18.76.040; A; No. 7. The modification reads as follows: *The building was remodeled between 1994 and 1996. At that time, the building was moved toward the street 75 feet. As the building remains on the original property, the relocation of the building is not significant, and is not considered "removal from the original location". Therefore, this criteria is not applicable.* The Commission collectively agreed to accept this revision with exception to the last sentence, "Therefore, this criteria....". This sentence shall be omitted.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 2, Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00.

