

LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

September 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes Virtual Meeting via ZOOM 6000 Main Street SW Lakewood, WA 98499

"The mission of the City of Lakewood Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board is to preserve, protect and promote the unique heritage and historic resources of the City of Lakewood"

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Glen Spieth, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MEETING PROTOCOL

Roll Call

Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board Members Present: Glen Spieth, Beth Campbell, Joan Cooley, and Christina Manetti

<u>Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board Members Excused:</u> None

<u>Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board Members Absent:</u> None

<u>Council Liaison to LHAB:</u> Councilmember Patti Belle (not present)

<u>Staff Present:</u> Courtney Brunell, Planning Manager; Mary Dodsworth, Parks and Recreation Director; and Karen

Devereaux, Administrative Assistant

Acceptance/Changes to Agenda

Staff requested that the H-Barn presentation be moved up the agenda and allowed to speak first.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation on the H Barn Preservation: A Preliminary Case for Support

Ms. Mary Dodsworth, Parks & Recreation Director, gave a presentation on the efforts being made to raise funds through partnerships to restore the old barn and silos to allow citizens to use as an event center. Ms. Dodsworth shared the rich history of the land of Ft. Steilacoom. Ms. Dodsworth explained the ways the land and barns were used in the past and how the restoration project would honor that history. The silos would also to be reinforced.

It was noted how Partners for Parks has raised \$340,000 over 20 years through donations by local colleges, business, and service clubs as well as individual private donations. \$15,000 was used to hire a team of civil and structural engineers, planners, and DHAP representatives to determine an accurate cost of the restoration. During the 1½ years the study took to complete parks crews brought in sewer, power was stubbed out for the area, and roads were paved. Ms. Dodsworth described several ideas for improvements such as adding restrooms to the building, removing one of the low ceilings to open up the structure showing the milking parlor pens, removing curbing but designing flooring to show how it was set up and its uses, historical pictures on the walls, building additional open air structures for the Famers Market, a native heritage garden for landscaping and outdoor dance floor with trellis and outdoor fireplaces, along with fencing to define the outdoor gathering spaces. These improvements would total a cost of \$6M.

Partners for Parks created a case for support and a campaign was started to explain how important the preservation of the barn and silos is to the history and the economic development such improvements would provide as a regional

facility shared by surrounding communities. The group talked with potential partners and investors and informed many, gathered opinions, and received very positive feedback that people want to complete these improvements.

The next steps would be to ask for help in finding investors. Ms. Dodsworth invited LHAB members to advocate and provide support for the project. The group gave a few ideas as to how they could help and reach out to friends who may be interested. Ms. Dodsworth offered to meet with anyone interested and answer questions and give the same presentation to larger groups.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on August 23, 2021 were approved as submitted by voice vote, M/S/C Cooley/Campbell. Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously, 4-0.

Announcements

Mr. Glen Spieth displayed an old horseshoe he recently excavated from under the pavement during Motor Avenue construction near the Colonial Plaza and it will soon be placed inside the Lakewood Historical Museum exhibit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public were logged into the ZOOM version or present for the meeting. No public comments made.

PUBLIC HEARINGS None

REPORTS BY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER OR STAFF

Joint Council Meeting on September 27, 2021 Talking Points of Work Plan

Ms. Brunell provided a guide for the members to use to highlight accomplishments and plans for the next year when discussing with Council members. Ms. Brunell suggested members take an opportunity to talk about each listed item and explain the impact of Covid pandemic and their momentum now that in-person meetings have resumed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revisions to the Lakewood Driving Map

Members forwarded their ideas to Ms. Courtney Bruell. Mr. Glen Spieth provided a separate map which showed all the roads that had received history street names signs and those designations. Members suggested Ms. Brunell work with the graphic designer and use different colors to represent each of the different roads. The address to the Lakewood Historical Museum site will be updated due to their move to a new location. Members want to have the landmark addresses checked before printing. Mr. Spieth provided a list of Designated Lakewood Landmarks and Historically Designated Properties in Lakewood, WA along with their addresses.

OTHER

November and December Changes to the Meeting Dates

Members agreed to change the holiday season November meeting from the 25th, Thanksgiving Day, to the week prior on Thursday, November 18. It was decided to cancel the December 23rd meeting.

Next Meeting The regular monthly meeting is set for Thursday, November 25, at 6:00 PM. **Meeting Adjourned** at 7:20 p.m.

Glen Spieth, Chair

Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board

10/28/2021

Karen Devereaux, Recording Secretary to the

Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board