COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Lorelea Hudson, Cristy Lake, Ella Moore, Rebecca Ossa, David Pilgrim

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Poppi Handy, Chair; Caroline Lemay, Vice Chair;

COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED: None

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer Meisner, Todd Scott

CALL TO ORDER: Hudson was elected chair pro tem and called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

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SPECIAL COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Nancy Simpson

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Nancy Simpson

GUESTS: None

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS: Young House, 426 Prospect, Mill Creek Historic District (COA #1715) request to install solar panels.

Scott briefly described the project indicating the DRC had unanimously recommended approval. He also indicated they met the district’s design guidelines. Hudson added that the DRC felt the panels were appropriate in large part because they could be removed. Moore asked if the design guidelines were prepared after the district was designated or if they’d been in place before. Scott indicated they had been prepared after designation, specifically because the district was historic. The neighborhood worked for about a year to develop them.

Pilgrim/Ossa moved to approve the Type II COA request to install solar panels on the Young House (426 Prospect) as recommended by the DRC, and to ratify the agreement between DRC and the applicant. The motion passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: Scott indicated that Suzette Cooke, Mayor of Kent, had appointed Nancy Simpson, former president of the Greater Kent Historical Society, as the new special commissioner for Kent. Her term will expire in 2020. She replaces Jack Becvar.

ADJOURN: Kent Landmarks Commission

*May include minutes for cities who have interlocal historic preservation agreements with King County.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hudson asked for any changes/corrections to the minutes. There were none.

Ossa/Lake moved to approve the July 27, 2017 minutes of the King County Landmarks Commission. The motion passed 4-0, with Hudson abstaining as she was not present at that meeting.

CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS: Marymoor Park (COA #1714) request to install electrical vehicle charging stations.

Scott briefly described the project indicating the DRC had unanimously recommended approval. Pilgrim asked why they chose to use wooden bollards in front of the charging stations rather than concrete. Scott said he wasn’t sure, but thinks this may be a relatively short term location, as they’re continuing to revise how they use the maintenance yard and parking spaces in this area. Hudson indicated that the new archaeologist for King County Parks did a shovel probe in this location and has no reason to believe installing the underground conduit will impact any archaeological resources.

Moore/Lake moved to approve the Type II COA request to install electrical vehicle charging stations at Marymoor Park as recommended by the DRC, and to ratify the agreement between DRC and the applicant. The motion passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: Scott updated the Commission on completed projects, including the sheriff memorial inside the county courthouse and the reconstructed porch on the Reard House in Sammamish. Pilgrim asked about the planned use for Reard House. Moore indicated the exterior is finished, and they are continuing to rehabilitate the interior. There will be a small museum space in one room, meeting space downstairs, and office space for the Sammamish Heritage Society upstairs. Eventually they hope to reconstruct the kitchen wing that was removed when the house was relocated and use it as a kitchen. They will be applying for Heritage Capital funding in order to do the kitchen.

The question of expiration dates for COAs was raised. Scott indicated that COAs do not expire. Commissioners recommended that the Policy & Planning Committee take up a discussion on whether or not this should continue.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER’S REPORT: Meisner reported on the successful completion of the annual Spellman Awards, held last week at the Kirkland Woman’s Club. She also indicated that the preservation planner had sent out RFPs this morning for GIS services related to building an interactive map for historic resources. This project is funded by a CLG grant.

She also reported that the interlocal agreement with Renton had been executed and that we would be holding the November 30 meeting at Renton City Hall. She said the new Parks archaeologist is
on board now and is making a significant impact on the work load and streamlining procedures with that agency.

Meisner also congratulated the Commission on their work designating Providence Heights College. The designation was appealed by the owner, but the Issaquah hearing examiner had issued a decision upholding the Commission’s findings and actions. He found no errors in fact or judgment on the Commission’s part. Unfortunately, a lawsuit was filed by the owner against the city and county, stating their first amendment rights had been violated. The City of Issaquah settled the lawsuit earlier this week, nullified the landmark designation, and issued a demolition permit. She also indicated the Commission’s county prosecuting attorney suggested the Commission may want to amend the code to allow for the Commission to reject landmark nominations that are illegal or shouldn’t be heard. The Commission consensus was they preferred not to open the code up for that issue, and that hearing landmark nominations should continue to be part of the process of determining significance of historic resources, even if they can’t be officially designated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.