



Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission

Monday, November 27, 2023

5:30 PM

Small Conference Room, City Hall

1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

23-001754 Please click the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88111913944>
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2. **ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm.

In attendance: Nat Light, Chair; Arthur Chang, CoChair; Jerry Bakken; Rick Johnson; Darin Molnar

Excused: Caitlin Tweedy

Staff: Mac Kosar, Planner; Keith Walling, Facilities Manager; Nancy Vandehey, Admin

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

23-001752 MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 23, 2023

Approved as presented.

4. **CONSTITUENT COMMENTS**

5. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

6. **WORKSHOP**

23-001737 CA 2023-10 LIBRARY LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT
RECOMMENDED ACTION: CONSIDER THE ITEM IN NEW BUSINESS

Keith Walling spoke on this item. Keith pointed out the replacements for each fixture photo provided.

23-001755 CA 2023-11 LIBRARY OUTDOOR HVAC UNIT
RECOMMENDED ACTION: CONSIDER THE ITEM UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Keith Walling spoke on this item. Keith pointed out what the HVAC unit would look like from the street view and an aerial view, noting the ducting that will be removed.

23-001758 CA 2023-12 WOMENS CLUB LIGHTING**RECOMMENDED ACTION: CONSIDER THE ITEM UNDER NEW BUSINESS**

Keith Walling spoke on this item. Keith pointed out the replacements for each fixture photo provided.

7. OLD BUSINESS**23-001735 R.A. LONG HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD - JH KELLY PLAQUES**

Mac Kosar presented the plaques to be presented at Council tomorrow night. Logistics were discussed for presentation of awards at Council.

8. NEW BUSINESS**23-001736 CA 2023-10 LIBRARY LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT (see workshop item for details and plan sheets)****RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CA 2023-10 LIBRARY LIGHTING RETROFIT PROJECT**

Arthur Chang made a motion, seconded by Rick Johnson, to approve CA 2023-10 Library Lighting Retrofit project. This passed unanimously.

23-001757 CA 2023-11 LIBRARY OUTDOOR HVAC UNIT (see workshop item for details and plan sheets)**RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CA 2023-11 LIBRARY OUTDOOR HVAC UNIT**

Jerry Bakken made a motion, seconded by Rick Johnson, to approve CA 2023-11 Library Outdoor HVAC unit. This passed unanimously.

23-001759 CA 2023-12 WOMENS CLUB LIGHTING (see workshop item for details and plan sheets)
RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CA 2023-12 WOMENS CLUB LIGHTING

Arthur Chang made a motion, seconded by Rick Johnson, to approve CA 2023-12 Women's Club Lighting project. This passed unanimously.

23-001753 DECEMBER MEETING - SET ALTERNATIVE DATE, IF NEEDED

Dec 18th will be the alternative date if needed as December 25th is the regularly scheduled meeting. Jan 29th may be needed as an alternative date for January meeting.

9. REPORTS

Arthur Chang provided a quick update on the conference. The 250th year anniversary is coming up. Information was passed along to the Mayor. WA state currently has no monies allocated.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Arthur Chang spoke on his recent trip to Berlin, Germany and their perspective on historic preservation on buildings. Many of their buildings were destroyed in the war, so their age isn't as long as ours, but they have focused on energy efficiency improvements with products that look similar to the original. They are more willing to put low E windows on churches, which ends up making the buildings more useful and livable versus our approach. A very interesting approach.

Arthur added a take away from the conference was a line - the aesthetic value of a built place should never be taken for granted, and that the aesthetics need time to grow a following for them even if we don't appreciate them today. Those are two very important principles that are easy to forget when we have a lot of old style buildings to preserve in our community, but that doesn't mean that new style architecture and new things should be dismissed outright as ugly or having no value. Everything has an aesthetic value even if we don't appreciate it.

There were two inquiries: the interpretive panel at the Columbia Theatre explaining the door panel on display and the restroom painting at the Hemlock plaza.

A 50 year time capsule was buried at the museum to be opened in 2073.

The JH Kelly monument is scheduled for construction in February with a 100 year capsule sealing on February 13th.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.