

1. 6:00 P.M. 2014-04-15-Landmarks And Historic Preservation Commission-Agenda

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# AGENDA

PIERCE COUNTY LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
APRIL 15, 2014, 6:00 P.M.

Pierce County Annex  
Public Meeting Room (South Entrance)  
2401 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Minutes:** March 18, 2014
- III. **Public Hearings**  
Nomination to the Pierce County Register of Historic Places
  - Wilkeson Coke Ovens
  - Lakebay Marina
- IV. **New Business**  
Proposed Nomination Code Changes
- IV. **Old Business**
  - Updates
    - Filucy Bay
    - Historic Pierce County-Owned Buildings
    - McMillin Bridge
    - Old Pierce County Hospital
    - Road Markers
    - 2014 Grant Application Status
- V. **Other Business**
- VI. **Public Forum**
- VII. **Adjournment**

**The PIERCE COUNTY LANDMARKS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MARCH 18, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the Pierce County Landmarks and Historic Preservation Commission are not verbatim; however, recorded copies are available upon request.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Caroline Swope, Chair  
Robert Edington  
Jean Fisher  
Gordon "Buzz" Grant  
Edwin Hennings

**MEMBER ABSENT**

Robert Allen (excused)  
Gretchen Kaehler (excused)  
Brett Santhuff (excused)

**STAFF**

Chad Williams  
Cory Ragan  
Cindy Anderson, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

**Motion made (Hennings / Grant ) to approve February 18, 2014 meeting minutes, adding Commission member Grant as being present. Other business, 4th paragraph, there are four powder plants. The marker is separate from Chambers Mill. McMillin Bridge, should say the ornaments are available. Motion unanimously passed as amended**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public Hearing**

**Nomination to the Pierce County Historic Register  
David Gray Smith Home**

Chair Swope briefly reviewed the nomination process for new Commission members.

Gene Smith, stated that this was his grandfather's home. It is the same as it was when he built it in the 1920s.

The Commission felt that the home is worthy of being placed on the register. Criteria A, B, and C have been met.

**Motion made (Hennings/Grant) to nominate the David Gray Smith Home to the Pierce County Register of Historic Places. Motion unanimously passed**

Mr. Williams will keep the Commission informed of the proposal timeframe.

Mr. Williams asked Linda Van Nest if there have been any discussions with the Puyallup Tribe about the Browns Point Light Station. Chair Swope stated that if staff has not heard from a representative from the Puyallup Tribe, and the historical society wants to move it forward, it should be moved forward. When the historical society is ready, staff will schedule a public hearing and re-notice.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Comprehensive Plan**

Cory Ragan, presented a copy of the Comprehensive Plan Public Participation Plan to the Commission and gave a brief overview of the process. The Commission will work on language they would like included in the Plan.

### **Historic Pierce County-Owned Buildings**

Chad Williams stated he has started a query in the mapping system to create a list of historic buildings owned by Pierce County that are 50 years or older. There are probably less than 100. Chair Swope stated that the list should include all areas of Pierce County; not just the unincorporated areas.

### **Old Pierce County Hospital**

Chair Swope sent out the letter regarding the Old Pierce County Hospital to Pierce County officials. Chad stated that Apex Engineering was hired to write the original SEPA document. An amended SEPA can be issued to make corrections/changes if appropriate. The building is not on a register, and is not within the jurisdiction of this Commission because it is located within Tacoma city limits. Citizens and representatives from Council Districts 4 and 7 would have to be proactive if they want to retain the building.

### **Historic Road Markers**

Mr. Williams is working on a map showing the locations of Pierce County markers. He is working on data input, but it is not complete. He will keep the Commission updated.

### **McMillin Bridge**

Chair Swope showed the Commission the McMillin Bridge Christmas ornament she purchased from the Historic Bridge Foundation. She has briefly talked with Kimberly Freeman, Pierce County Parks, about retention of the bridge as part of the park system or trail. Chair Swope continued that it is not known if the \$500,000 demolition money has been used for other projects or if it is still in place. She encouraged staff to stay in contact with Ms. Freeman about this important project. The Timothy Indian Bridge is an example of park preservation.

Commission member Grant stated that a grant is necessary to fix the McMillin Bridge. WSDOT is going to build a new bridge and the old bridge could be used as part of the Foothills Trail.

### **Lakebay Marina**

Chair Swope stated that the third revision of the Lakebay Marina nomination is again an incomplete nomination packet.

Commission comments on the application included:

- The Mosquito Fleet is not an appropriate tie into the application
- It is not the job of the commission to complete nomination forms
- There are a number of issues on the site

Chair Swope expressed frustration with the nomination process. The City of Tacoma charges a \$100 nomination fee. If the project is rejected, it cannot be presented for one year. Staff will review the application package to determine if it is complete. The application should be moved forward for public hearing and vote.

Staff will work with the Commission to draft language for the Code addressing nomination applications.

## OTHER BUSINESS

### Pacific Lutheran University – Mortvedt Library Digitization of Early Tacoma Norwegian and Swedish Newspapers

Chair Swope stated that the Mortvedt Library was the recipient of grant funding for newspaper digitization.

Kerstin Ringdahl, Archivist and Curator of Special Library Collections, stated that Pacific Lutheran University (PLU) is unique in that it owns a number of the Scandinavian newspapers from the early 1900s. Staff is in the process of digitizing about 3,800 pages that are 15 x 22 in size. The digitization process is time-consuming, as each page must first be placed in acid-free sleeves, once scanned reviewed for accuracy, then saved to individual files. The files are saved in an archive and special collections section of the ISSUU website where they can be published and read like a book.

In response to Commission question, Ms. Ringdahl stated the digitization project is only about one-quarter complete. The Library has a number of newsletters from the 1890s from pastors who started area churches. Ms. Ringdahl asked if those could be scanned using part of the grant funding. Chair Swope responded that as long as the information relates to area history, the funding can be used. She encouraged the Library to apply for funding through the 2014 Historic Preservation grant process. Applications must be submitted by April 15. Fran Rasmus, Director of Library Services, was introduced to the Commission.

In response to Commission question, Ms. Ringdahl stated that nothing will be digitized with a date after 1923, so there are no copyright issues. They are working with the University of Washington who loaned them microfilm.

Chair Swope suggested that the Library send a progress update to Councilmember Richardson.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

<b>Project</b>	Nomination of Lakebay Marina to the Pierce County Register of Historic Places
<b>Applicants</b>	Roger and Cindy Scott
<b>Planner</b>	Chad Williams
<b>Proposal</b>	To place the Lakebay Marina on the Pierce County Register of Historic Places. The building and pier were constructed after early settler Carl Lorenz Sr. realized the difficulty of businessmen/tradesmen transporting logs from Lake and the Key Peninsula to Tacoma for market. By 1884, Mr. Lorenz began building boats and providing boat service on the site.
<b>Project Location</b>	15 Lorenz Road, Lakebay, WA (unincorporated Pierce County)
<b>Public Hearing</b>	<b>Pierce County Landmarks &amp; Historic Preservation Commission</b> <b>Date/Time: April 15, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.</b> <b>Location: Public Services Building (Annex), South Entrance</b> <b>Planning Meeting Room, 2401 South 35th Street, Tacoma, WA</b>

All interested parties will have an opportunity to comment on this matter. Groups with the same concerns are encouraged to have a single representative. Further details are available at the office of Pierce County Planning and Land Services (address listed above).



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Project

Nomination of the Wilkeson Coke Ovens to the Pierce County Register of Historic Places

### Applicant

Town of Wilkeson

### Planner

Chad Williams

### Proposal

The Wilkeson Coke Oven site contains the last 30 of 160 coal burning coke ovens that were constructed between 1885 and 1914, years after coal was discovered near the Carbon River. The site is located on a 9.42-acre parcel, divided by a public road Quinnon Extension Road East. The Ovens are located on the westernmost portion of the parcel.

The nomination meets the eligibility criterion in PCC 2.88.020 B.1.a., and the ovens are a category of property eligible in PCC 2.88.020 B.3.a and d. The Wilkeson Coke Ovens have retained the important and necessary aspects of integrity for placement on the Pierce County Register of Historic Places.

### Project Location

Quinnon Extension Road East, Wilkeson, WA (unincorporated Pierce County)

### Public Hearing

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