

STAFF REPORT

Groom/Turner House

Public Meeting:

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Application Number: LHR-96-1
Name of Property: Groom/Turner House
Location of Property: 901 Ulery Street SE
Lacey, WA 98503
Owner: Charles and Dorothy Downey
901 Ulery Street SE
Lacey, WA 98503
Date Built: 1929

A. Criteria for Designation:

1. Category of Historic Property: Private Residence
2. Context for Evaluating Property:

The property should be evaluated in the context of Lacey history from the 1920's to the 1950's.

3. Level of Significance: Local Level of Significance
4. Integrity of the Property:

Although there have been changes to certain features of the house such as some of the windows, the basic structure has not been altered. The house retains most of the characteristics of its original craftsman style.

5. Statement of Significance/Criteria:

The Groom/Turner House is significant because of its association with Henry C. Turner and its architectural features. A well-known local merchant, Turner was active in the formation of a number of Lacey organizations: the Lacey School Club, the Lacey Lions Club, and most importantly, the Lacey Fire Department. (The fire department later spearheaded the movement to incorporate the city.) Shortly after the formation of the department, Turner moved into the house. Turner's porch held one of the three fire telephones. Architecturally the house is typical of the types of houses that were built in that era and in that neighborhood. The changes to the building do not detract from the historical appearance of the house. It is a charming, well-maintained bungalow.

B. Significant Historical Characteristics:

These are the features that contribute to the property's historical significance and which should be preserved and maintained as it is kept up over the years.

1. 1 ½ story wood frame structure
2. Wood drop siding
3. Gable roof with projecting eaves and exposed rafter ends
4. Shed dormers in front and back elevations
5. Double hung sash windows with 6/1 lights and plain wood surrounds
6. Center porch with gable roof and tapered columns on brick piers
7. Small windows flanking a brick chimney on south side

Non-historic additions:

1. Obscured glass with pattern in the side lights by the front door
2. Picture window on the left side of the front elevation
3. Aluminum door and window on the south side
4. Decking on the south side
5. Garden window in the back

C. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends placement of the Groom/Turner House on the Lacey Historic Register under criteria #a, #b and #e.