



LACEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Nomination of the Homann House to the Lacey Register of Historic Places

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the listing of the Homann House, located at 1012 Homann Drive, Assessor's Parcel number 09950021003, on the Lacey Register of Historic Places.

1. The Homann House meets the criteria for determining designation in the Lacey Register in LMC 16.53.030:
 - It is significantly associated with the history of the community,
 - The property has historical integrity,
 - is at least fifty (50) years old, and
 - falls in at least one of the categories.
2. The Homann House is approximately 64 years old, and falls in three of the categories. The exterior, despite the structure being substantially modified by removing the flat roof and chimney, retains enough of its original elements to be considered for our local register. The design elements that remain from the original structure are the original building footprint, brick cladding and the horizontal sliding windows.

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Lori Flemm, Parks and Recreation Director
Amber Raney, Museum Curator

ORIGINATED BY: Historical Commission, City Manager and Parks & Recreation Departments

ATTACHMENTS: 1. Lacey Register of Historic Places Registration Form

**BUDGET IMPACT/
SOURCE OF FUNDS:** 2011 Current Expense funds are needed and available to purchase the registry plaque.

**PRIOR COUNCIL/
COMMISSION/
COMMITTEE REVIEW:** Reviewed by the Lacey Historical Commission at regular monthly meeting on May 2, 2011, with a motion made on May 2 to forward the nomination to the Lacey City Council with a recommendation to list the property on the Lacey Register of Historic Places. On Monday, June 6, the Historical

Commission is accepting public comment on the nomination at its regular monthly meeting.

BACKGROUND: The Homann House was constructed in the 1940's, by Al Homann, who served as Lacey's first Mayor from 1966 - 1972. The earliest Lacey City Council meetings were held in the "rec-room" that Al constructed off the main house. The Homann House is located at 1012 Homann Drive and was nominated for the register by the current owner, Parent to Parent.

The Homann House meets three of the eleven criteria for determining designation in the register in LMC 16.53.030:

1. The Homann House is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the board pattern of local history.
4. The Homann House exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history. AND
5. The Homann House is associated with the lives of persons, Al and Anna Homann, significant in local history.

Although the former Homann House has had alterations and has been converted to a commercial property, it is because of the owners' significant contribution to the city that this unique and eclectic house deserves to be listed.

Listing a home on the Lacey Register of Historic Places is completely voluntary. Nine properties have been listed on the Lacey Register, with the most recent in 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT THE NOMINATION to the LACEY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES:

A press release was issued on May 16, and two signs were posted on the property on Monday, May 23, one visible from the Lacey woodland Trail and the other from the main entrance. No comments have been received as of June 1. Any public comments at the June 6 Historic Commission monthly meeting will be forwarded electronically to the Council members.

ADVANTAGES:

1. The benefit to the City of Lacey is that we are preserving our heritage.
2. The benefits to a property owner for listing on a Historic Register include a special property tax valuation and possibly a federal income tax credit in connection with substantial improvement, pride in property ownership, and dedication to our local heritage.

DISADVANTAGES:

1. There are no disadvantages to the City of Lacey associated with the listing on the Lacey Register.
2. The disadvantages to a property owner for being listed on a Historic Register are that review is required to make changes to the property. (LMC 16.53.040)