



LACEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 9, 2011

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

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the listing of the Jensen House, located at 809 Ulery Street, Assessor's Parcel number 58100003900, on the Lacey Register of Historic Places.

1. The Jensen House meets the criteria for determining designation in the Lacey Register in LMC 16.53.030:
 - It is significantly associated with the architecture of the community,
 - has historical integrity,
 - is at least fifty (50) years old, and
 - falls in at least one of the categories.
2. The Jensen House exterior retains its exterior integrity, a marked contrast to most buildings in the neighborhood, is 83 years old, and falls in two of the categories.

built in 1935

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

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 meetings on April 4 and 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 Jensen House was constructed in 1928, and is representative of the modest residences built in the early days of Lacey Villas. The Jensen House is located at 809 Ulery St. SE and was nominated for the register by current homeowner, Rex Mikler.

The Jensen House meets two of the eleven criteria for determining designation in the register in LMC 16.53.030:

2. The Jensen House embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack distinction, AND

4. The Jensen House exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history.

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 a sign was posted on the property on Monday, May 23. 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)