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Subject: Denial of Designation of the Conover House – 1620 16th Avenue

At the June 19, 2019 meeting of the City's Landmarks Preservation Board, a motion was made to approve the designation of the Conover House at 1620 16th Avenue. The vote to approve this motion was 3 in favor, and 3 against. This was not a sufficient number of votes for approval of designation. As per the Rules and Regulations, Code of Ethics and Procedures adopted by the Landmarks Preservation Board, votes on designation shall require a majority vote of the then current appointed and confirmed members of the Board. As there were nine appointed and confirmed members of the Board on the date of the meeting, five votes would be required for a motion to pass and only three members voted in favor of the designation, therefore the designation was denied.

Termination of Proceedings

SMC 25.12.850A states:

> "In any case where a site, improvement or object is nominated for designation as a landmark site or landmark and thereafter the Board fails to approve such nominate or to adopt a report approving designation of such site, improvement or object, such proceeding shall terminate and no new proceeding under this ordinance may be commenced with respect to such site, improvement or object within five (5) years from the date of such termination without the written agreement of the owner, except when the site or improvement nominated is Seattle School District property and is in use as a public school facilities, no new proceeding may be commenced within ten (10) years from the date of termination."

This provision is applicable to these designation proceedings.

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