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TO: Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Mark Person, Senior Planner

RE: REQUEST FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT REGARDING HVAC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PROVIDENCE ACADEMY

Background:

Vancouver has received an application for heritage overlay and design review for HVAC improvements to the Academy Building at 400 E Evergreen Boulevard. The property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP 1978) and within Vancouver's Heritage Overlay District Number One.

Per VMC 20.510.030.B

Exterior Alterations. All exterior alterations to a historic building or a structure located within a Heritage Overlay District, visible from a public street or other public place, and all exterior alterations to a building listed on the State or National Registers of Historic Places, including changes to signs, marquees, awnings, canopies or other building appendages, whether a building permit is required or not, as well as wall murals shall require advisory review by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission. The standards for such review shall be those standards pertaining to architectural style, design, arrangement, texture, materials, color, and other pertinent factors designated in this section as standards for review of new construction and alterations to buildings within the specific Heritage Overlay District within which such property is located. The Clark County Historic Preservation Commission shall apply the standards for historic preservation projects which appear as Title 36, C.F.R., Part 67 of the Federal Register and shall consult with the Planning Official on any exterior alterations to a historic building within Heritage Overlay District.

Proposed Development:

The applicant has submitted exhibits showing the proposed locations of the HVAC equipment and renderings of what the improvements will look like.

The project will remove two existing window air conditioners that serve the ballroom. One is located within an infilled transom above a door on the south elevation. The other is located within an infilled transom above a door on the north elevation under one of the porches. The infill panels will be replaced with new painted MDO infill panels.

At the north end of the building, three new heat pumps will be located in an existing niche.

On the south side of the building, the existing electrical transformer will be replaced. The applicant is requesting approval of two potential locations and the flexibility to choose between these locations based on their construction feasibility. Both locations are on the south side, toward the west end of the building. New landscaping will screen the transformer.

Request:

Staff requests the Commission's input on this proposal to incorporate in the design review.

Attachments:

1. Narrative
2. Exhibits