

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Stan Osborn, Parks and Facilities Manager
DATE: July 20, 2023
SUBJECT: Brewmaster's House Repairs

1) Recommended Action:

Staff is seeking approval from the commission for minor changes regarding wall coverings concerning the Brewmaster's House.

2) Background:

On January 21, 2023, the Brewmaster's House/Museum was the target of arson and sustained damage to the exterior, interior, and some contents within the house. The Brewmaster's House, listed on the Tumwater Register of Historic Places and the National Register as part of the Tumwater Historic District, acts as a museum and archive for many irreplaceable historic Tumwater photographs, paperwork, and memorabilia.

Repairs began on the house in February and all walls/ceilings have had the wallpaper removed. During June's meeting, staff and the commission worked well to choose coverings that matched what was realistic and available when the home was originally built keeping certain conceptions and trends of the time in mind.

Since the meeting, staff made inquiries with the supplier and learned in more detail of potential issues with some of the choices. Many choices are either not available or caused issue with overall décor. Staff will present alternatives for discussion and/or approval.

3) Alternatives:

- ☐ Select one neutral color for all ceiling treatments
 - ☐ Select a variety of patterns/colors for separate living spaces
 - ☐ Decide the direction to be taken regarding ceiling décor
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4) Attachments:

None