

Olympia Heritage Commission

2024 WORKPLAN



Mission:

“Identify and actively encourage the preservation of Olympia’s historic resources by maintaining, updating, and expanding the Olympia Heritage Register and reviewing proposed changes to Heritage Register properties; to raise community awareness of Olympia’s history and historic resources; and to serve as the City’s primary resource in matters of history, historic planning and preservation.” **(OMC 18.12.055)**

Core Strategies:

Educate and Inspire	Preserve and Promote	Partner and Collaborate	Integrate Preservation Best Practices in Good Government	Review and Permitting
• Heritage Month • Recognition Awards • Special programs, events, tabling, tours • Research and Interpretation	• Individual listings • District listings • Explore and encourage incentives • Build trust with owners, developers, contractors, realtors, & community	• ARCH • Community & Educational Org’s • Heritage Org’s • Local Businesses • Build relationships with Tribes & BIPOC community	• Input to City Planning efforts • Diversity, Equity & Inclusion • Heritage Commission Development	• Timely review w/in permit process • Guidance for homeowners and contractors • Special Tax Valuation
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Marketing & Outreach	Survey & Designation	All Committees	Policy, Ordinance & Guidance	Heritage Review

Heritage Commission 2024 Projects



2024 Meeting Schedule: 6pm on 4th Wednesdays: Jan 24, Feb 28, March 27, April 17, May 22, June 26, July 24, Aug 28, Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27

Activity	Task Detail for 2024	Schedule	Budget
Educate and Inspire: <i>Marketing & Outreach Committee</i>			
Heritage Month May 2024	Explore partnerships; A+H Awards and event	January to October	-0-
Olympia Indie Music History Research	Continue to identify additional funding and projects	Ongoing	\$10k target
Preserve and Promote: <i>Survey & Designation Committee</i>			
Explore Fourth Avenue East Historic District	Talk with property owners, research properties and possible district boundaries.	March through December	-0-
Promote individual listings	Advocate to list key properties in downtown	April through December	CPD administration funds markers
Integrate Preservation Best Practices in Good Government: <i>Policy, Ordinance and Guidance Committee</i>			
Heritage Commission Training	Plan 2024 retreat and additional development training for OHC	Schedule Retreat and training	-0-
Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update	Participate in the Periodic Update of the city Comp Plan in 2024 and 2025	Ongoing 2024 and 2025	-0-
Equity in Historic Preservation Discussions	Discussions topics of DEI and preservation including intangible heritage assets and cultural landscapes.	Plan into regular OHC Meetings	-0-
Review and Permitting: <i>Heritage Review Committee</i>			
Educate historic property owners re permitting and Special Tax Valuation	Inform historic property owners with reminders about permit requirements	Fall 2024	CPD operating funds if needed
2024 Special Tax Valuation Applications	Review and recommend approval by Council	Fall 2024	-0-