



# Meeting Minutes

## Heritage Commission

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Heritage Commission  
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**Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

**6:30 PM**

**Room 207**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Davies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Vice Chair Holly Davies, Commissioner Benjamin Helle,  
Commissioner Gary Stedman, Commissioner Sheila Swalling,  
Commissioner Andrea Pareigis and Commissioner Susan Rohrer

**Excused:** 4 - Chair Kat Kelly, Commissioner Audrey Henley, Commissioner Garner  
Miller and Commissioner Rachel Newmann

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Maurice Major

**2.A OTHERS PRESENT**

City of Olympia Community Planning and Development staff:  
Historic Preservation Officer Marygrace Goddu

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.A** [19-0954](#) Approval of September 25, 2019 Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brian Willis spoke.

**5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Helle, Vice Chair Davies and Ms. Goddu made announcements.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**6.A**     [19-0955](#)           Special Property Tax Valuation for 208 18th Avenue SW

Homeowner Sam Meyer shared the renovation and the replication history through the years via pictures and the Heritage Review Committee site visit. The Commission discussed the standards met to qualify for reduced property taxes.

**Vice Chair Davies moved, seconded by Commissioner Rohrer, to recommend forwarding to City Council for final approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

**6.B**     [19-0959](#)           Special Property Tax Valuation for 215 19th Avenue SW

Vice Chair Davies discussed the rehabilitation of the property and the historic features within the home. The Commission discussed the standards met to qualify for reduced property taxes.

**Commissioner Helle moved, seconded by Commissioner Henley, to recommend forwarding to City Council for final approval. The motion passed unanimously.**

**6.C**     [19-0596](#)           Discuss and approve draft response to City Council Referral Request

Commissioners discussed the Martin Luther King Jr. naming proposal and edited the draft memorandum responding to this City Council request.

**Commissioner Swalling moved, seconded by Commissioner Helle, to approve the draft memorandum as amended and forward to City Council. The motion passed unanimously.**

**6.D**     [19-0960](#)           Approval of revised committees, committee scope of work, and members for the remainder of 2019.

**Commissioner Helle moved, seconded by Commissioner Rohrer, to approve committee structure and member lists for the remainder of 2019 workplan. The motion passed unanimously.**

**7.       REPORTS****7.A**     [19-0953](#)           Policy and Program Recommendations, Support for Additional Heritage Program Activities

Commissioner Swalling discussed the window handout she is working on for homeowners.

Vice Chair Davies shared information about the Keystone Summit being planned with the Arts Commission.

**The report was received.**

**8.       OTHER TOPICS**

Commissioners discussed the recruitment of new members and Tribal participation in the Commission.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**Upcoming**

The Washington Museum Association Conference will be held in Olympia, June 19-21, 2020.

Keystone Summit will be held in October 2020 in conjunction with Fall Arts Walk.