

# Olympia Heritage Commission

2026 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:



- Heritage Month
- Recognition Awards
- Explore and encourage incentives
- Special programs, events, tabling, tours
- 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
- Research and Interpretation

- Timely review w/in permit process
- Guidance for homeowners and contractors
- Special Tax Valuation
- Individual listings
- District listings

## Committees:



Marketing & Outreach



All Committees



Policy, Ordinance & Guidance



Heritage Review

## Heritage Commission 20256 Projects



202625 Meeting Schedule: 5:30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays: Jan 2228, Feb 2625, March 265, April 223, May 278, July 22TBD, Aug 267, Sept 234, Oct 282, November and December dates TBD

Activity	Task Detail for 20256	Schedule	Budget
<b>Educate and Inspire: Marketing &amp; Outreach Committee</b>			
Heritage Month May 20265	Explore partnerships; A+H Awards and event	January to October	-0-
Community Engagement/Partnerships Events	OHC presence at Arts Walk, Arts+ Heritage Week, Walking tours, <u>Neighborhood engagement</u>	Ongoing	\$50
Educational Workshop Series	Informational sessions on topics such as: Cyclical maintenance for historic homes, What is the Olympia Heritage Register, etc	Ongoing goal to host 3 sessions through 20265	<u>\$50As needed</u>
Picnic Social	Build relationships and welcome new commissioners	Summer 20265	-0-
<b>Integrate Preservation Best Practices in Good Government: Policy, Ordinance and Guidance Committee</b>			
Heritage Commission Training	Plan new member orientation, 20265 retreat and development training for OHC <u>including Climate initiatives, building materials, and board trainings</u>	Schedule Retreat and training	\$50 <u>+ Grant funds</u>
<u>Commission Bylaws Update</u>	<u>Review and clarify commission bylaws</u>	<u>Spring 2025</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Olympia Municipal Code (OMC) Ordinance Update	Participate in Staff update to OMC re: Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource Management	Ongoing through 20265	-0-
<u>Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update</u>	<u>Participate in the Periodic Update of the Comp Plan</u>	<u>Ongoing through 2025</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Equity in Historic Preservation Discussions	Equity training discussion on preservation, including intangible heritage assets and cultural landscapes	Ongoing	Grant required
<b>Review and Permitting: Heritage Review Committee</b>			
20265 Special Tax Valuation Applications	Review and recommend approval to City Council	Fall 20265	-0-
Explore National listings that should be listed in the Olympia Heritage Register	Talk with property owners, research properties and possible district boundaries, advocate to list districts and individual properties	March through December	CPED administration fund for plaques
Promote new listings	Advocate to list key properties around Olympia	April through December	-0-
Provide design guidance	Continue design consultations for historic properties, Evaluate OMC design guidelines and best practices for code updates as needed	Ongoing through 20265	-0-