



Meeting Agenda

Heritage Commission

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
Olympia, WA 98501

Heritage Commission
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Wednesday, June 23, 2021

6:00 PM

meeting via Zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.A ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [21-0628](#) Approval of May 20, 2021 Minutes of the Olympia Heritage Commission.

Attachments: [OHC Minutes 05202021 Draft](#)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [21-0632](#) Update on the Historic Tumwater Brewhouse

6.B [21-0629](#) Informational - Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum

6.C [21-0631](#) Briefing - 2017 Downtown Olympia Reconnaissance Survey

Attachments: [powerpoint slides](#)

6.D [21-0630](#) Annual Commission Retreat

7. REPORTS

- 7a **Marketing & Outreach Committee**
- 7b **Survey & Designation Committee**
- 7c **Policy, Ordinance & Guidance Committee**
- 7d **Heritage Review Committee**
- 8. **OTHER TOPICS**
- 9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Upcoming

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Approval of May 20, 2021 Minutes of the Olympia Heritage Commission.

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Approval of May 20, 2021 Minutes of the Olympia Heritage Commission.



Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Thursday, May 20, 2021

7:00 PM

Annual Heritage Awards Event

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davies called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Chair Holly Davies, Commissioner Audrey Henley, Commissioner Kenneth House, Commissioner Andrea Pareigis, Commissioner Susan Rohrer, Commissioner Stephen Scott, Commissioner Gary Stedman, Commissioner Sheila Swalling and Commissioner Sharon Lumbantobing

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Jessica Bieber and Commissioner Garner Miller

1.B OTHERS PRESENT

Historic Preservation Officer Marygrace Goddu

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.A [21-0527](#) Heritage Month Celebration 2021

Heritage Awards were presented to four recipients who each used very different skills and methods of sharing local and regional heritage and history: Shane Anderson, Bryan Willis, Thurston County Historic Commission and Alicia Elliott.

The information was received.

4. OTHER TOPICS

Ms. Goddu read a statement from Mayor Selby who was unexpectedly unable to attend. The Mayor congratulated the awardees and thanked them for their work in the community and shared excitement over the transfer of the historic Armory Building to the City of Olympia.

Commissioner Rohrer highlighted current heritage activities in the community and acknowledged the Heritage Commission partners: The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and their work on the National Maritime Heritage Area; the Olympia Historical Society-Bigelow House Museum, and their new Many Voices resource; and the Olympia Arts & Heritage Alliance, and their "It's the Water" installation in the Old Firehall. She encouraged citizens to take advantage of the many heritage walking tours available on the City website and learn about where we live.

Commissioner Henley shared the Facebook and Instagram accounts for "Historic Olympia" and urged people to engage, send in questions and share information about local history. She shared information about each of the awardees ongoing work or events.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.



Heritage Commission

Update on the Historic Tumwater Brewhouse

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Update on the Historic Tumwater Brewhouse

Recommended Action

Information only. No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Briefing on preservation efforts.

Staff Contact:

Marygrace Goddu, Historic Preservation Officer, Community Planning & Development, 360.480.0923

Presenter(s):

Ann Cook, Communications Manager, City of Tumwater

Background and Analysis:

Tumwater's Old Brewery Building was constructed by Leopold Schmidt in 1906. The six-story structure was built with Chehalis brick, Tenino sandstone foundation and trim, lumber from the Hewitt and Ward Lake areas, and sand and gravel from Mud Bay and Tykle's Cove. The Olympia Brewery was the Tumwater community's largest private employer for a significant part of the past century and the community holds many family and personal stories of experiences working there. Following Washington State passage of prohibition in 1916 the building fell into disrepair.

In 1978 it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1995, it was added to the Washington Trust's Most Endangered list, and in 2003 it made the National Trust's endangered list.

The City of Tumwater has taken actions to protect the Old Brewhouse with comprehensive plan goals and policies, and the development of a Tumwater Historic Commercial Zoning District. The brewhouse was donated to the City in April 2016 to be preserved and restored.

Tumwater successfully secured a State Heritage Capital Programs Grant in 2017 for emergency repairs critical for short-term protection, including construction of a temporary roof, window coverings, and masonry repairs. A second HCP grant was received for the 2019-2021 biennium to continue preservation work. Additional sources of revenue include WA Community Project Grants, Historic

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Rehabilitation Tax Credits, foundation grants and partnerships, in-kind and pro-bono services, and transportation funding related to trails.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

General community interest

Attachments:

None.



Heritage Commission

Informational - Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum

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Informational - Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum

Recommended Action

Information only. No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Receive information and discuss opportunities for support and collaboration.

Staff Contact:

Marygrace Goddu, Historic Preservation Officer, 360.480.0923]

Presenter(s):

Greg Griffith, Chair, Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum Board of Directors

Background and Analysis:

Two longstanding Olympia heritage organizations joined forces in 2013 to create the [Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum <https://olympiahistory.org/>](https://olympiahistory.org/). Together they are dedicated to exploring, preserving and promoting Olympia's history. Operating as a non-profit membership-based organization, they offer programs and events to educate and entertain the public about local history topics and places of interest and promote increased knowledge and advocacy for historic preservation. They offer an online newsletter, frequent bulletins, Facebook postings, and extensive website to foster engagement, as well as information and tools for further research and activity.

The Society and Museum also owns and operates [The Bigelow House Museum <https://olympiahistory.org/bigelow-house-museum-2/>](https://olympiahistory.org/bigelow-house-museum-2/), the oldest residence in Olympia and one of the earliest still standing in the Pacific Northwest.

The organization is an essential partner in preserving local history and making research tools and assistance available to the public. The Heritage Commission has successfully partnered with OHS/BHM on occasion to provide programming and event promotion.

Recently, OHS/BHM initiated a discussion about increasing collaborative efforts for more robust heritage, history and cultural programming in Olympia. Greg joins the Commission meeting to talk more on this topic and gather support and ideas from commissioners.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Of general community interest.

Attachments:

None



Heritage Commission

Briefing - 2017 Downtown Olympia Reconnaissance Survey

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Briefing - 2017 Downtown Olympia Reconnaissance Survey

Recommended Action

Information only. No action requested.

Report

Issue:

Briefing on past work to facilitate planning of next steps for downtown preservation efforts.

Staff Contact:

Marygrace Goddu, Historic Preservation Officer, Community Planning & Development, 360.480.0923

Presenter(s):

Marygrace Goddu, Historic Preservation Officer

Background and Analysis:

In 2017, the City of Olympia commissioned a *Reconnaissance Level Architectural History Survey of Downtown Olympia*. The survey was completed by Artifacts Consulting in December 2017.

The purpose of the survey was to support city planning work especially the Downtown Strategy, which was underway at the time, and to provide baseline information to support thoughtful decisions on managing change in historic Downtown.

The reconnaissance-level survey:

- Assessed properties based upon their attributes that are visible from the public right-of-way. Historic research on individual properties was not conducted.
- Included all properties within the boundaries of the NRHP historic district as well as additional surrounding blocks, especially to the east and south.
- Completed or updated basic documentation for each property built prior to 1973, in the form of historic property inventory forms and exterior photographs.

- Made preliminary identification of potential new landmark candidates, either as stand-alones and/or as clusters or districts.
- Properties were only evaluated under Criterion C, for their architecture/ design. More in-depth future research could yield additional eligible properties based on other criteria (A - historical contribution, B - association with significant people, or D - precontact significance).

The Survey provides foundational support for Commission consideration of strategies and options to expand the existing national register district or consider designating a new local historic district(s).

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

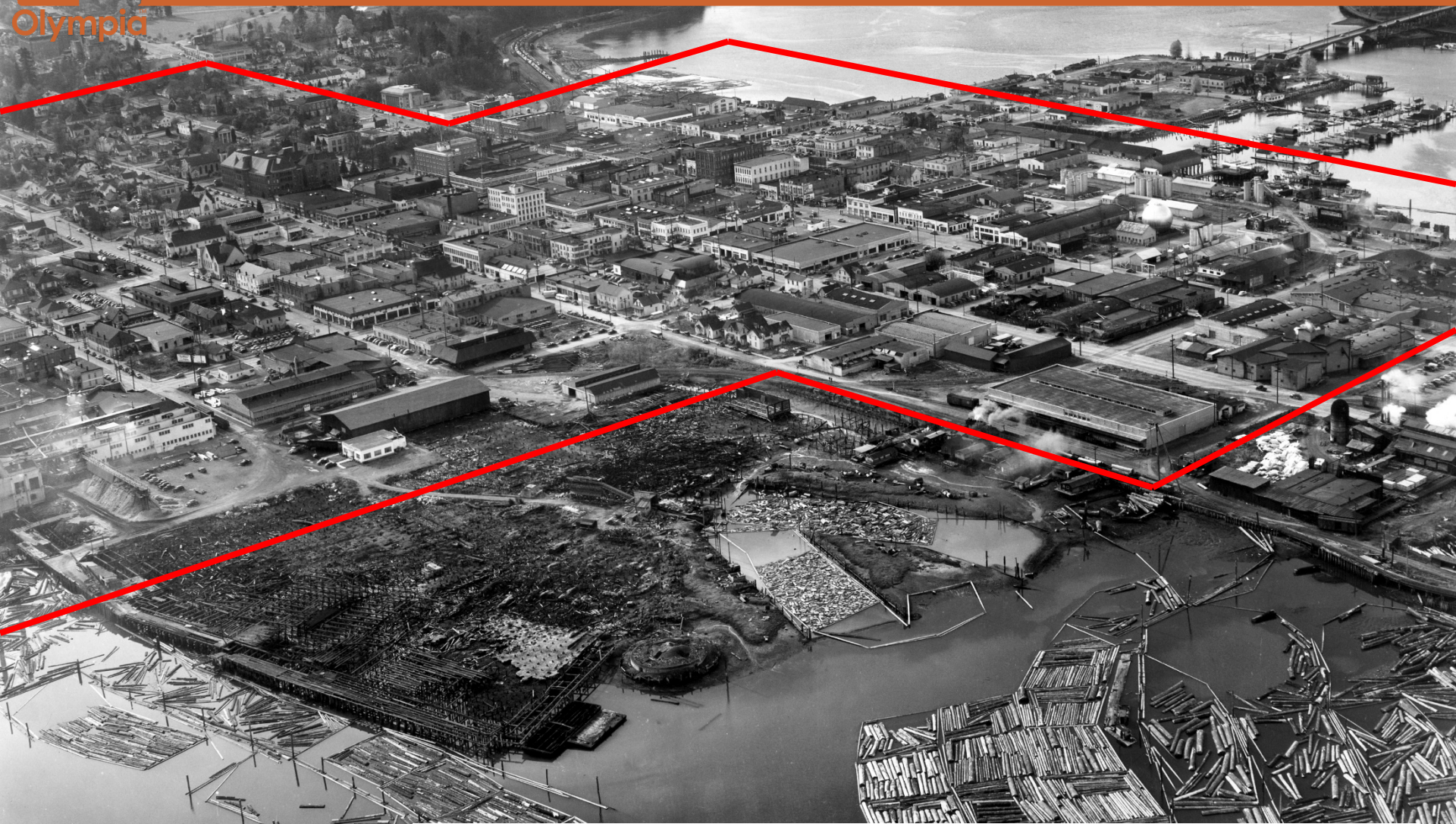
General community interest; Downtown Neighborhood Association interest.

Attachments:

Powerpoint slides



Downtown Olympia Historical Survey



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Scope & Reach of the Project

- **Visual assessment** of 75+ blocks of Downtown Olympia
- **Recommendations** on eligibility for Register, historic district(s), & incentive programs

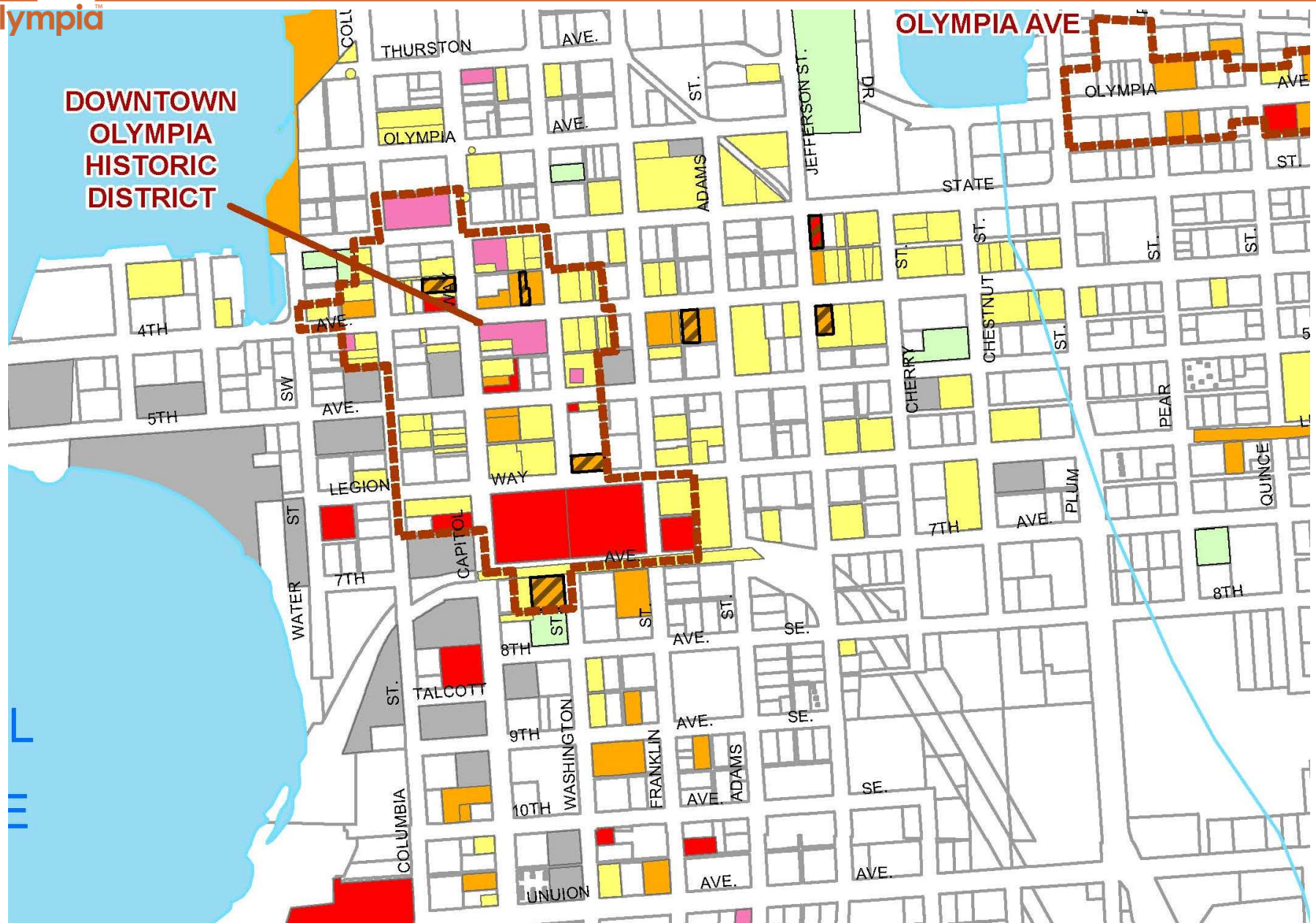
→ ***First ever complete survey** of all properties Downtown* ←



Rockway-Leland Building (1941) – Contributing Property in Historic District



Need: Limited Existing Information





Example of Current Report

Historic Property Tresner Auto
Inventory Report for 610 East 4th Olympia, Thurston, 98501

NARRATIVE SECTION

Study Unit

Other

Commerce

Date Of Construction: 1920

Architect:

Builder:

Engineer:

Property appears to meet criteria for the National Register of Historic Places: No

Property is located in a historic district (National and/or local): No

Property potentially contributes to a historic district (National and/or local):

Statement of Significance Built in 1920 for the auto trade, Tresner Auto Top Manufacturer is listed as the tenant in 1936.

Description of Physical Appearance One story rectangular concrete building faced with stucco has barrel vault roof with a false front parapet. Incised panels are across the lower bulkhead. Vertical planking obscures clerestory windows. Central vehicle bay opening on the front (south) side flanked by newer display and wood frame windows. 1997- renovated with new windows.

Major Bibliographic References Thurston County Assessor's Records.
Polk City Directories.

PHOTOS

Goals of the Project

- Provide “go-to,” **baseline resource** on historic properties in Downtown Olympia for:

→ Proactive preservation planning:

- Expansion of historic district?
- New historic district(s) & building listings?
- Revision of Downtown design standards with historic environment in mind?
- Creation of “conservation districts”?
- Proactive tax incentive outreach program?

→ Educational outreach

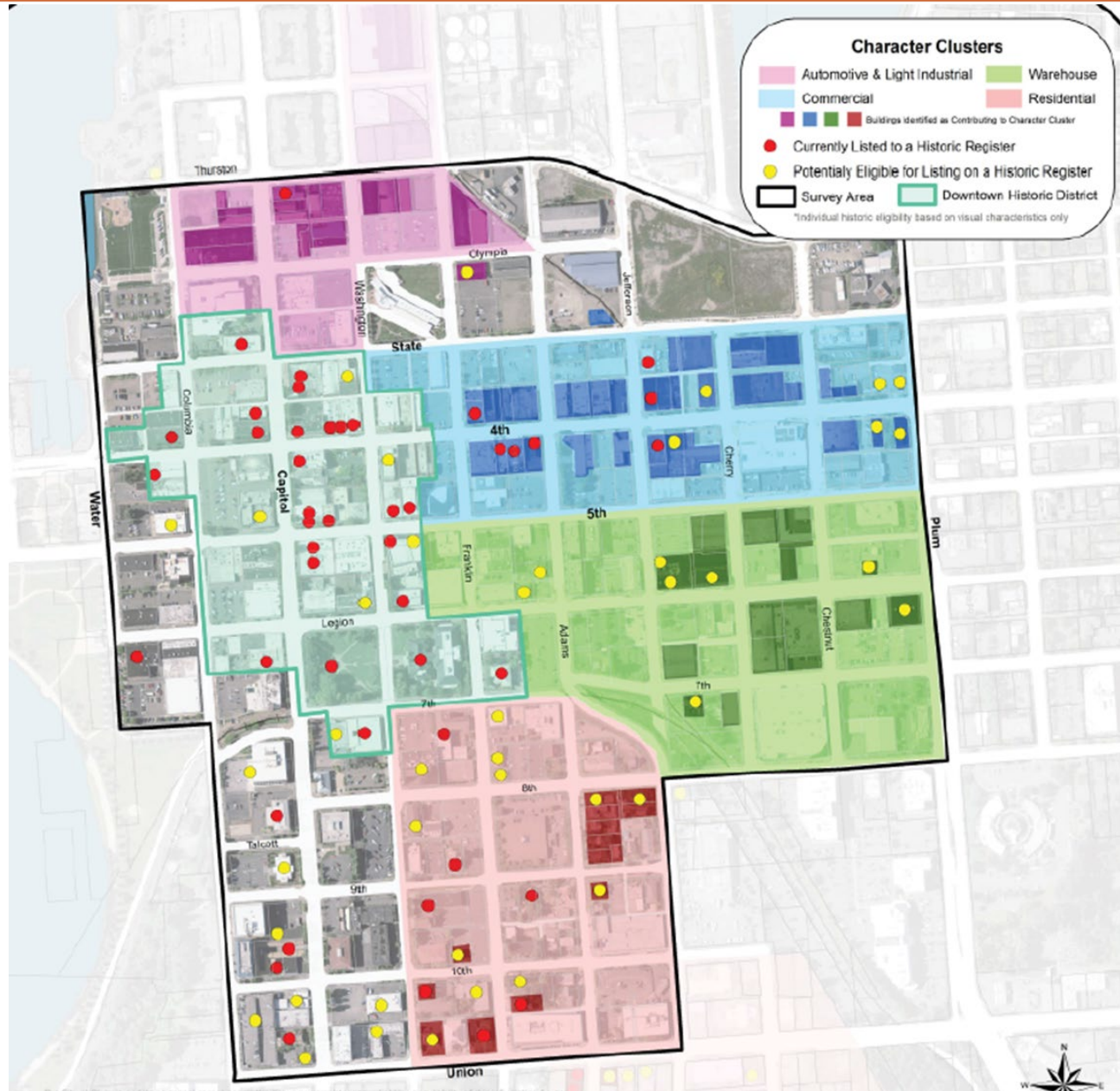


*Olympia Federal Savings & Loan (1967) –
Non-Contributing Property in Historic
District*

Preliminary Findings



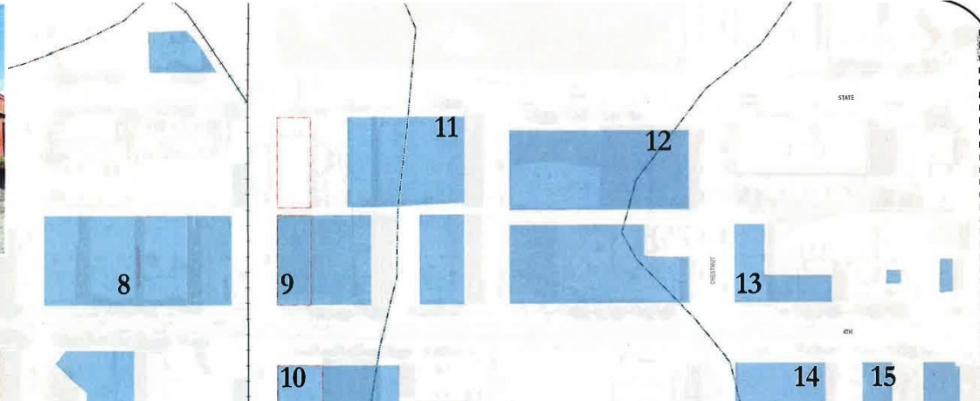
Shared-Character Areas/Conservation Districts



Character-Defining Features

Commercial Character

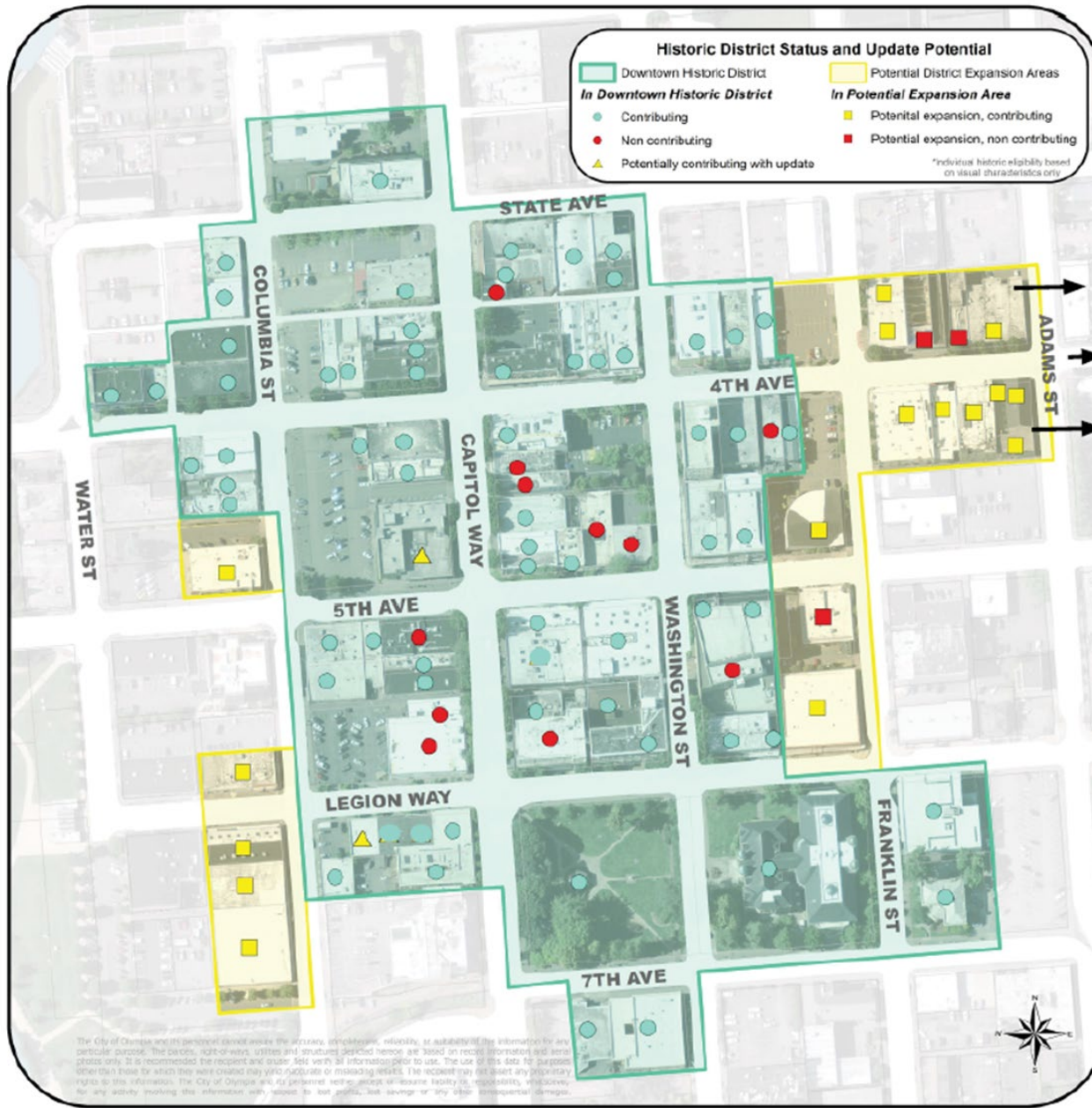
- Form/massing
- 1-2 stories
- Defined storefronts
- Cornice/parapet emphasis



Character defining features:

- 1-4 stories
- Ground floor retail and office with upper floor residential and professional office use
- Distinct front facade that faces commercial corridor, exhibiting highest level of architectural design and material quality
- Rear facade alley access for service and deliveries, exhibiting utilitarian level of architectural design and material quality
- Compact or vertical massing depending on original investment
- Vertical massing features distinct story transitions
- Storefronts, metal and wood frame, large display windows for interior visibility and merchandise display
- Entrances, recessed at storefronts; also, secondary personnel doorways off street level at multi-story buildings
- Brick, stone, terra cotta, concrete and concrete block structures and cladding

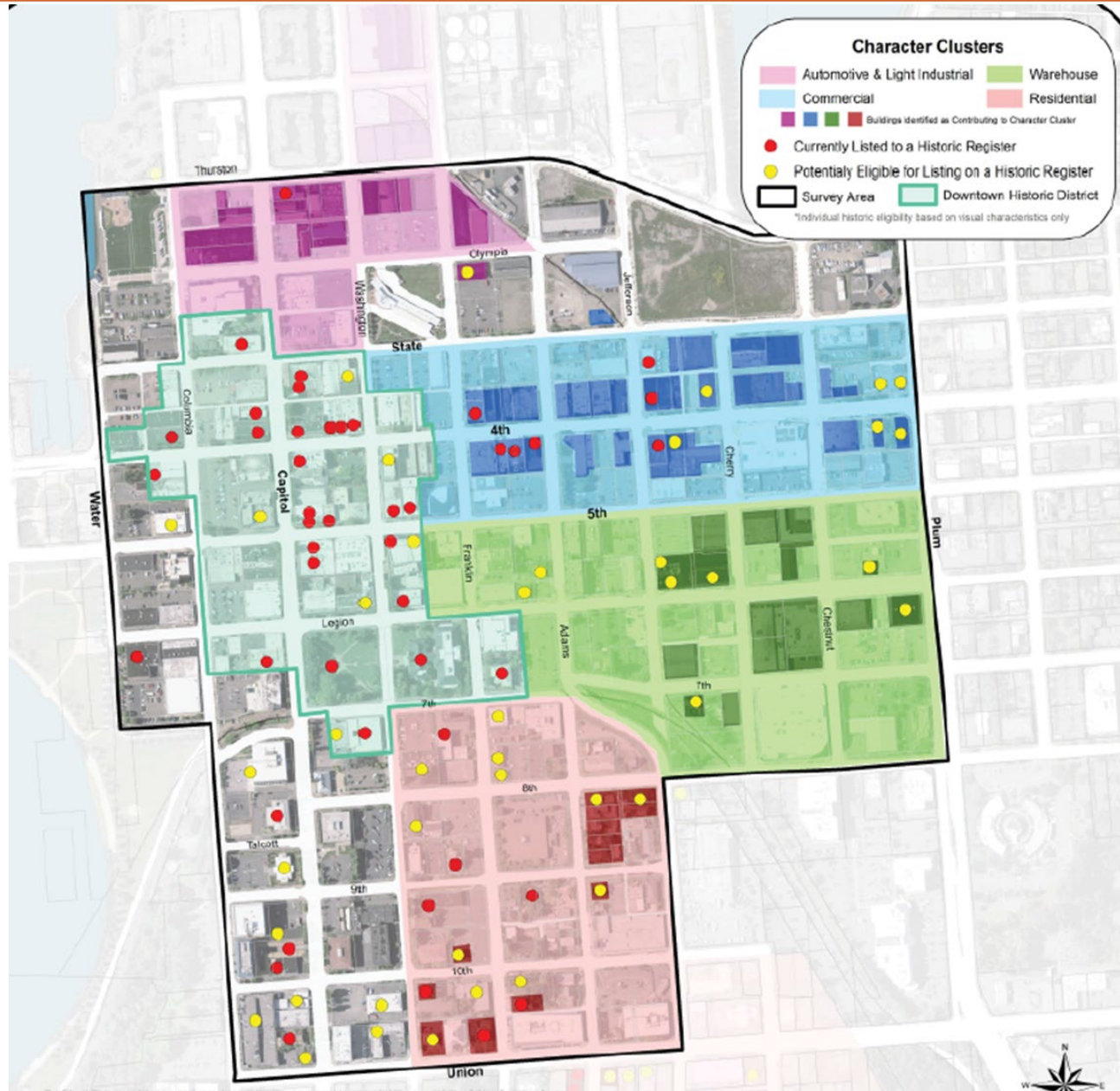
Potential Historic District Expansion



Current Register Listings



Shared-Character Areas/Conservation Districts



Survey Conclusions

“ From several Territorial Period buildings to Modernism, downtown Olympia has an excellent representation of a variety of architectural forms, types and styles spanning from the mid-19th century through the 1970s.

A portion of downtown is already listed as a national, state and local historic district but this district could be expanded both geographically and in terms of period of significance.

Additionally, there are multiple character clusters, or concentrations of buildings with similar features and historic purpose, which should be considered for local historic district and/or conservation districts.”



Proactive Preservation Planning



Enhancing the vitality and character of Downtown Olympia



Heritage Commission Annual Commission Retreat

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Annual Commission Retreat

Recommended Action

Discussion only.

Report

Issue:

Initial discussion regarding topics for October 2021 Commission Retreat.

Staff Contact:

Marygrace Goddu, Historic Preservation Officer, 360.480.0923

Presenter(s):

Commission Chair Holly Davies

Background and Analysis:

Each year the commission plans an annual retreat. Topics typically include training and development, assessment of workplan progress, committee structure, and goal setting.

Attachments:

None.