



Meeting Agenda

Heritage Commission

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Heritage Commission
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Wednesday, September 22, 2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Via Zoom

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1. CALL TO ORDER

1.A ROLL CALL

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 3.A** [21-0906](#) Approval of August 25, 2021 Olympia Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [06232021 Draft Minutes](#)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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- 7.a** Heritage Review Committee
Heritage Review Committee

- 7.b. **Marketing and Outreach**
- 7.c **Survey & Designation**
- 7.d. **Policy, Ordinance and Guidance**
- 8. **STAFF REPORT**
- 9. **OTHER TOPICS**
- 10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Wednesday, June 23, 2021

6:00 PM

meeting via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davies called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Holly Davies, Commissioner Kenneth House, Commissioner Andrea Pareigis, Commissioner Stephen Scott, Commissioner Gary Stedman, Commissioner Sheila Swalling and Commissioner Sharon Lumbantobing

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Jessica Bieber, Commissioner Audrey Henley, Commissioner Garner Miller and Commissioner Susan Rohrer

1.B OTHERS PRESENT

Olympia Historical Society / Bigelow House Museum Representative Greg Griffith

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Attachments: [OHC Minutes 05202021 Draft](#)

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Davies introduced new Commissioner, Sharon Lumbantobing.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

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

The update was postponed.

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

Mr. Griffith shared the mission of the Olympia Historical Society (OHS) and the Bigelow House Museum (BHM). He discussed their mutual interests and overlapping work with the Heritage Commission. The Society is experiencing difficulty in sustaining the organization, they have no staff, rely on key volunteers and have one contracted employee who maintains their website. He noted that other cities provide direct funding for their history-keepers and have many museums that are well-funded and staffed, including the City of Lacey. A proposal is being developed to present to the City.

Ms. Goddu noted that the Society is a highly valuable partner for the City and perform a huge service to the community in maintaining a ready, accessible and very useful resource on local history through their website. The Heritage Commission has successfully partnered with OHS/BHM on projects and will continue this in the coming year.

Clarification was given that the Tribes are included in our understanding of “heritage” and are important partners. The Olympia Arts & Heritage Alliance is another local heritage organization who can be collaborated with in the future.

The LoveOly Festival series on Saturdays this summer represent one such opportunity. OHS/BHM is submitting a proposal for a history/heritage themed Saturday in the series. Ms. Goddu will share with the Commission when a date is set. Volunteers will be needed for activities and tabling.

The information was received.

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

Attachments: [powerpoint slides](#)

Ms. Goddu shared a Powerpoint presentation on the purpose, goals and resulting recommendations of the 2017 Historic Downtown Reconnaissance Survey. The Survey and Designation Committee will be bringing forward strategies and proposals for acting on the results in future meetings.

It was suggested that the Heritage Commission send a letter to owners of buildings identified as eligible to share the benefits and encourage them to list. Commissioner Lumbantobing volunteered to work on a draft letter.

It was noted that many Downtown building owners do not live in Olympia.

The information was received.

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

A Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) theme will be the guide for the selection of training, possible speaker and goal setting. The Workplan review, Committee Structure/Membership Review and broad 2022 Workplan goals will be discussed.

Intangible cultural heritage and assets were suggested as a potential topic, it serves to capture and value aspects of culture beyond the build environment, which includes traditions and stories passed on verbally. This would allow the heritage of underrepresented groups to be equally valued.

The information was received.

7. REPORTS**7.A Marketing & Outreach Committee**

The committee is continuing to actively post on Social Media. Themes for July are needed and asked they be sent to Commissioner Henley or Commissioner Pareigis.

7.B Policy, Ordinance & Guidance Committee - None**7.C Survey & Designation Committee**

Information received in Business item 6.C.

7.D Heritage Review Committee

The recommendation for the individual listing on a home at, 208 18th Ave SW will be coming in August.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Ms. Goddu provided a staff report updating the Commission on the Armory Mitigation Storytelling project. Commissioner Stedman will be representing the Heritage Commission on the Committee. Marketing and Outreach will be needed to get the word out to the community to ask them to share their stories. The Olympia Historical Society will host the website.

Capitol Campus Legislative Campus Modernization project- A design firm has been selected for the new Senate office building. A peer review team has been assembled to review scope, mid-point progress and final recommendations of the Pritchard Rehabilitation Feasibility study. The South Capitol Neighborhood Association has drafted a White Paper to send to the State Capitol Committee and to the Department of Enterprise Services documenting their concerns.

Volunteers are needed to join a committee with Arts Commissioners to work on Speaker Services, "ARCH and Equity" which is a common Workplan item on both Commissions. Commissioner Henley indicated that the Marketing & Outreach Committee are likely candidates but she will need to check with Commissioner Pareigis and Commissioner Rohrer.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.



Heritage Commission

October Commission Meeting and Annual Retreat

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Title

October Commission Meeting and Annual Retreat

Recommended Action

Discuss and finalize plans for October Commission Meeting and Annual Retreat

Report

Issue:

Staff Contact:

Marygrace Goddu

Presenter(s):

Chair Holly Davies

Background and Analysis:

The Heritage Commission's 2020 Work Plan includes an annual retreat as part of a goal for Commission Planning and Development. A date has not been set. It is anticipated that there will be one business item on the October meeting agenda, for approval of a Special Valuation application. The City continues to hold all public meetings virtually at this time.

It is proposed that the commission use the October meeting for annual retreat, following the scheduled business item. A training topic related to developing new local historic district is being planned.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

N/A

Options:

- Plan the October meeting to include both the retreat topic and the special valuation review on October 22.
- Select a different time and date for the commission retreat.

Financial Impact:

Type: decision **Version:** 1 **Status:** In Committee

Cost of training speaker at less than \$1000 to be paid with CP&D/Historic Preservation funds.

Attachments:

none



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Preservation and Social Inclusion

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Preservation and Social Inclusion

Recommended Action

Information and discussion only. No action requested.

Report Issue:

Discussion of historic preservation and social inclusion in Olympia.

The Heritage Commission 2021 Work Plan includes actions to support Commission planning & development (1.e.) and for developing best practices in historic preservation (2.b.). The Commission has expressed a desire to support the diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) goals of the City and City Council.

To further these goals, the commission is invited to read and discuss an article by Erica Avrami, Assistant Professor of Historic Preservation at Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation. The article is titled *Preservation's Reckoning* and was written as an introduction to a series of essays that were the basis of a 2019 symposium, edited by Avrami and published in 2020 under the title *Preservation and Social Inclusion*. (Columbia University Press, 2020, cup.columbia.edu) A link to the article is attached.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Commission Chair Holly Davies

Background and Analysis:

Avrami's article offers provocative ideas, including:

"There is an increasing awareness in the preservation field of the ways in which narratives are reinforced by spatial encounters with the past, and thus there is greater scrutiny of whose narratives

are represented - or not - in the built environment.”

“Heritage and preservation are ...vehicles for positive change, to give voice and spatial recognition to the underrepresented and the disempowered, and to challenge hegemonic activities.”

“The built environment can serve as a conduit for inequality.”

She invited symposium participants to consider the following questions, which Commissioners are invited to consider relative to the city of Olympia:

- *How are diverse narratives and communities being represented or excluded through preservation?*
- *Who is participating in preservation processes, and how can preservation decision-making better engage multiple publics?*
- *What are the effects of preservation policies and processes on communities?*

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

All

Attachments:

Link to article by Erica Avrami