

Olympia Heritage Commission

2023 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heritage Month• Recognition Awards• Special programs, events, tabling, tours• Research and Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual listings• District listings• Explore and encourage incentives• Build trust with owners, developers, contractors, realtors, & community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ARCH• Community & Educational Org’s• Heritage Org’s• Local Businesses• Build relationships with Tribes & BIPOC community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Input to City Planning efforts• Diversity, Equity & Inclusion• Heritage Commission Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 2023 Projects



2023 Meeting Schedule: 6pm on 4th Wednesdays: Mar 22, Apr 26, May 24, Jun 28, Jul 26, No Aug; Sept 27, Oct 25; 2nd Wed's: Nov 15, Dec 13

Activity	Task Detail for 2023	Schedule	Budget
Educate and Inspire: Marketing & Outreach Committee			
Heritage Month 2023	Explore partnership w/Arts Cmn: Music History theme; A+H Awards and event	January to October	-0-
LoveOly Active and Visible Presence	Plan and host heritage exhibit and activity	August weekend tbd	
Olympia Indie Music History Research	Execute Phase II of project utilizing LTAC funding; identify additional funding sources.	Complete by March 2024	\$50k target; 23k LTAC secured
Preserve and Promote: Survey & Designation Committee			
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 and related to Indie Music History project, including the KGY Radio Studio.	April through December	CPD administration funds markers
Partner and Collaborate: All Committees			
Equity in ARCH Speaker Series	Host a speaker in collaboration with Arts Commission exploring ArCH issues.	March through December	Arts Commission Funding
Heritage Day	Partner with Arts Commission for annual Arts & Heritage Advocacy Day		
Integrate Preservation Best Practices in Good Government: Policy, Ordinance and Guidance Committee			
Heritage Commission Training	Plan 2023 retreat and additional development training for OHC (Jurassic Parliament?)	Schedule Retreat and training	-0-
Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update	Participate in the Periodic Update of the city Comp Plan in 2023 and 2024	Ongoing 2023 and 2024	-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: Heritage Review Committee			
Educate historic homeowners re permitting and Special Tax Valuation	Contact historic property owners with reminders about permit requirements via email and newsletter, start with SCNA.	Fall 2023	CPD operating funds if needed
2023 Special Tax Valuation Applications	Review and recommend approval by Council	Fall 2023	-0-