



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Heritage Commission

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6:00 PM

Online and via phone

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Davies called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Chair Holly Davies, Commissioner Jessica Bieber, Commissioner Audrey Henley, Commissioner Kenneth House, Commissioner Garner Miller, Commissioner Andrea Pareigis, Commissioner Susan Rohrer, Commissioner Gary Stedman and Commissioner Sheila Swalling

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Stephen Scott

OTHERS PRESENT

Community Planning and Development Staff:
Preservation Officer Marygrace Goddu

Aquaterra Cultural Resources Consultant:
Principal Archaeologist Sarah Amell

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [21-0106](#) Approval of December 09, 2020 Olympia Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

The December 9, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 6.A [21-0103](#) PUBLIC HEARING AND DETERMINATION regarding nomination to list the Olympia Armory at 515 Eastside Street SE on the Olympia Heritage Register (# 20-4056)

Three members of the public spoke in favor of listing the Olympia Armory on the Heritage Register. Susan Vezeau, representing the Washington Military Department (WMD) noted that WMD cannot take a stance on the listing.

Public Hearing was closed.

Ms. Goddu provided a briefing on the effect of local listing with specific examples related to the Armory. She briefed the full Commission on the character-defining interior features that the Heritage Review Committee chose to add to the Statement of Significance so that future proposed alterations to these elements would receive consideration by the review committee

Commissioner Stedman moved, seconded by Commissioner Rohrer, to recommend the Olympia Armory located at 515 Eastside Street SE be added to the Olympia Heritage Register based on its meeting the requirements for listing of OMC 18.12.080, and exemplary eligibility under categories A, B, C, D and E, and that the recommendation be forwarded to City Council for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

- 6.C [21-0104](#) Informational briefing on Cultural Resources Protection process

Ms. Amell provided a briefing and answered questions from the Commissioners.

The information was received.

- 6.B [21-0107](#) Heritage Awards 2021 Nominations

Commissioners discussed proposed nominees and four nominations were agreed on for final development and recommendation to the General Government Committee:

Shane Anderson, Film Maker, for contributions in education, history and ecology through documental films;

Thurston County Historic Commission, for their coordination and publication of *Water, Woods and Prairies*;

Brian Willis, for his Radio Play celebrating local history through the centennial of the Olympia Hotel; and

MacIntyre House, a residential restoration and placemaking project by Alicia Elliot.

Commissioner Rohrer moved, seconded by Commissioner Swalling, to recommend four nominees for 2021 Heritage Awards. The motion passed

unanimously.

6.D [21-0108](#) Heritage Commission 2021 Work Plan

Ms. Goddu and Chair Davies presented the 2021 Work Plan to the commission. The commission agreed that only minor adjustments are needed for 2021 and that equity will be an ongoing theme intentionally considered in all of the commissions work with specific areas for focus to be highlighted in a memorandum for General Government.

The discussion was discussed and closed.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Heritage Review Committee

None

Marketing & Outreach Committee

None

Survey & Designation Committee

The committee is developing talking points for downtown district expansion; discussing listing the Plum Street city hall on the local register, and is seeking additional training on district development from DAHP.

Policy, Ordinance & Guidance Committee

None

9. OTHER TOPICS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.