



Meeting Minutes

Heritage Commission

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Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:30 PM

Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Kat Kelly, Commissioner Holly Davies, Commissioner Dwayne Harkness, Commissioner Benjamin Helle, Commissioner Audrey Henley, Commissioner Maurice Major and Commissioner Heather Walker

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Garner Miller, Commissioner Rachel Newmann, Commissioner Sheila Swalling and Commissioner Nicholas Vann

OTHERS PRESENT

City of Olympia Staff:
Assistant City Manager Jay Burney
Historic Preservation Officer/Associate Planner Michelle Sadlier

Athena Group Community Development Consultant Kendra Dahlen
Olympia Arts Commissioner Marygrace Goddu

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [18-0408](#) Approval of March 28, 2018 Olympia Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Goddu gave an update on art in and around downtown for the Arts Walk.

Ms. Sadlier welcomed three new commissioners and all returning commissioners introduced themselves and identified which agency they work for.

Ms. Sadlier and Mr. Vann attended the Revitalized Conference in Port Townsend and both presented materials as Ms. Sadlier passed the agenda's around.

A new roster was routed around the room to update email addresses.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 6.A** [18-0412](#) Priest Point Park Survey Kick-Off: Introduction to the Consultant Team

The information was postponed.

- 6.B** [18-0409](#) Update on the Arts, Cultures, and Heritage (ArCH) Project: Draft Reports

Mr. Burney discussed partnering with the Athena Group in the formation of the resource committee to expand arts, culture and heritage in Olympia. He met with the resource team to develop recommendations for the "draft/draft". The draft is being circulated to key groups to get feedback in order to start shaping the draft for the Council meeting on June 5. Time was devoted to reviewing key factors of the draft ie., what are you excited about, do you need clarification, are there any misconceptions or misinformation.

The discussion was completed.

- 6.C** [18-0411](#) Heritage Commission Officer Elections for 2018-2019: Chair & Vice Chair

The Commission elected Chair Kelly to continue as Chair and Commissioner Walker as Vice Chair.

- 6.D** [18-0415](#) Letter of Support for Olympia Historical Society & Bigelow House Museum Grant Proposal for Archive Facility

The Commission agreed to provide a letter of support for the Olympia Historical Society & Bigelow House Museum's grant proposal.

7. REPORTS

7.A Heritage Review Committee

Ms. Sadlier facilitated discussion on property tax abatement for the 222 Market and discussed the tax credits that will be reviewed.

7.B Outreach Committee

Ms. Sadlier encouraged Commissioners to volunteer with other community partners for a celebration highlighting Olympia's Transportation Heritage and history. Free events are happening throughout the month of May including: History in Motion Happy Hour, Capitol

Theater Celebrates Olympia Heritage Month, Downtown Scavenger Hunt ("OlyCache") and Historical Marker Dedication for South Sound Maritime History.

7.C Policy, Ordinance & Guidance Committee - No report

7.D Staff

Ms. Sadlier passed out the Council approved work plans.

8. OTHER TOPICS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday May 30, 2018.