



Meeting Minutes

Heritage Commission

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Heritage Commission
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Wednesday, September 25, 2019

6:30 PM

Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Miller called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Commissioner Benjamin Helle, Commissioner Audrey Henley, Commissioner Garner Miller, Commissioner Rachel Newmann, Commissioner Gary Stedman, Commissioner Andrea Pareigis and Commissioner Susan Rohrer

Excused: 3 - Chair Kat Kelly, Vice Chair Holly Davies and Commissioner Sheila Swalling

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Maurice Major

1.B OTHERS PRESENT

City of Olympia Community Planning and Development staff:
Building Official Larry Merrell
Senior Planner and Historic Preservation Officer Marygrace Goddu

City of Olympia Arts Commission:
Commissioner Stacy Hicks

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [19-0877](#) Approval of August 28, 2019 Heritage Commission Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Goddu introduced Mr. Merrell as the City of Olympia's Building Official. Olympia Arts

Commissioner Stacy Hicks shared information about the call for applicants to the new "Grants to Arts & Culture Organizations," offered by the Arts Commission.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [19-0596](#) Discussion of City Council Referral Request

The Commission continued discussion on options for how the City can honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The draft memo will be revised to reflect the Commission's deliberations and will be discussed at the October meeting.

The discussion was continued to the October 23 Heritage Commission meeting.

6.B [19-0863](#) Discuss End of Year Meetings and Agenda Building

Ms. Goddu provided a copy of the planning calendar. The November meeting will be moved to November 20, 2019 and the December 2019 meeting is canceled. The Commission committees were encouraged to meet in December to discuss work plan development for the next one to five years.

The discussion was completed.

6.C [19-0862](#) Discussion of Retiring Commissioners and New Member Recruitment Strategy

Commissioner Miller and Ms. Goddu discussed the recruitment goals for the three members whose term expires in 2020. Recruitment will seek minority group and Tribal representation in 2020.

The information was provided.

7. REPORTS

7.A [19-0876](#) Policy and Program Recommendations, Support for Additional Heritage Program Activities

Commissioners gave updated reports on the committees they are participating in and the workplan development for each committee. For the October meeting, each committee will establish a statement of scope. Committee structure and membership will be finalized and adopted at the next meeting.

The information was provided.

8. OTHER TOPICS

Commissioner Rohrer shared the upcoming 100th Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in August 2020 and suggested the Commission consider supporting programs to celebrate it.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Upcoming

The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. History Happy Hour is on October 24 and Haunted Archives Tour is on October 25.