



City Council

Special Recognition - American Planning Association Names 4th Avenue One of Three Great Streets in Washington

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

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Report

Issue:

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Background and Analysis:

The Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association has launched an annual program honoring "Great Places in Washington," which parallels the national Association's "Great Places in America" program. It is intended to recognize neighborhoods, streets, and public spaces that make communities stronger and bring people together through good planning.

This summer, the Association's Washington Chapter called for nominations for "Great Streets in Washington," and Olympia responded, nominating 4th Avenue.

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In early October we were pleased to learn that 4th Avenue had been selected as one of three “Great Streets,” in the category of “Great Urban Main Street.”

Award criteria included:

- Integrate a mix of uses that supports the greater community
- Interesting building facades that contribute to use and popularity of the street
- Attributes and design elements that create a distinctive character
- Safe and welcoming to all, particularly pedestrians
- Accommodate community events and facilitate social interaction.

Awards were officially presented at the Planning Association’s annual conference on October 17 in Tacoma.

Attachments:

None