



Heritage Commission

Recommendations for the 2022 Olympia Heritage Award Nominations

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Move to recommend the Heritage Commission nominations for 2022 Heritage Awards to full City Council for consideration.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to recommend the Heritage Commission nominations for 2022 Heritage Awards to full City Council for consideration.

Report Issue:

Whether to recommend the Heritage Commission's proposed Heritage Award nominations for City Council consideration.

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Presenter(s):

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Background and Analysis:

Each year the Heritage Commission seeks to recognize individuals and organizations who make important contributions to historic preservation in Olympia. The emphasis has traditionally been on brick-and-mortar preservation, research, and interpretive projects. Last year however, consistent with a desire to recognize a greater diversity of achievement, the Commission brought forward nominations recognizing other ways that local heritage is meaningfully shared, including a local playwright and a documentary film producer among our nominees.

This year the Commission continues the effort to recognize a broad range of heritage resources that shape our community character and identity, while continuing to also highlight excellence in traditional preservation architectural heritage. History does not always come packaged in architecturally significant structures, and the commission aims to showcase a more inclusive

narrative of local heritage.

In that spirit, the nominees for 2022 include three very different small businesses that have stood the test of time to become local landmarks in our community, who the commission proposes to recognize as Olympia Legacy Businesses.

According to American Planning Association, “The definition of “legacy business” varies from locality to locality, but in general the term applies to longstanding, independent enterprises that make a strong contribution to community character. Legacy businesses are cultural anchors, repositories of community traditions and stories. They are run by what the City of North Miami calls “serial entrepreneurs,” often providing a foothold and place to prosper for immigrants to the United States.” (*American Planning Association 2022, PAS Memo #109*)

The following nominations for 2022 have been selected and are recommended to the CLPS Committee for endorsement to the full City Council. The full text of the nominations, prepared by Heritage Commissioners, are attached.

- **Excellence in Rehabilitation - The Angelus Hotel**
For exemplary rehabilitation of the historic Angelus Hotel, completing exterior preservation and interior improvements to re-establish safe, functional and attractive living and commercial spaces in the Downtown Olympia National Historic District.
- **Historic Preservation - Howard Point Place Name Project**
In appreciation for restoration of Howard Point to official State maps.
- **Olympia Legacy Business - Jack’s Shoe Repair and Alteration**
In recognition for continuous service to the Olympia community for more than seventy-seven years.
- **Olympia Legacy Business - The Eastside Club Tavern**
Recognizing 80 years as a family run and operated business serving the Olympia community.
- **Olympia Legacy Business - KGY Radio**
Applauding 100 years of marking memories through music and connecting listeners to the Olympia community.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Options:

1. Move to recommend the Heritage Commission nominations for 2022 Heritage Awards to full City Council for consideration.
2. Modify the list of proposed awardees and recommend to City Council for consideration.
3. Do not move to recommend the Heritage Commission nominations for 2022 Heritage Awards to full City Council for consideration, resulting in deferral or delay of 2022 Heritage Awards.

Financial Impact:

Minimal cost to create award certificates and awards are funded by the Community Planning and

Development administrative budget.

Attachments:

2022 Nomination - Angelus Hotel

2022 Nomination - Eastside Club

2022 Nomination - Howard Point Naming Project

2022 Nomination - Jack's Shoes

2022 Nomination KGY Media Group