



City Council

Approval of 2022 Heritage Award Nominations

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Move to approve the 2022 Heritage Award Nominations as recommended by the Community Livability and Public Safety (CLPS) Committee and the Heritage Commission.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the 2022 Heritage Award Nominees.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve the 2022 Heritage Award Nominees.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

In May of each year, the Olympia City Council recognizes individuals and organizations who have made important contributions to historic preservation in Olympia. The Olympia Heritage Commission has nominated five awardees for recognition in 2022. The nominations were reviewed by the CLPS Committee and are unanimously recommended for Council approval.

Heritage awards have traditionally recognized brick-and-mortar preservation efforts, historic research, and interpretive projects. Last year however, the Commission brought forward nominations recognizing other ways that local heritage is meaningfully shared, including the work of 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 Olympia's character and identity, while continuing to also highlight excellence in traditional

preservation.

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 may be 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 by the CLPS Committee and the Heritage Commission for approval by 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):

General community interest in preserving and championing people, places and stories that reveal our city’s unique character.

Options:

1. Move to approve the nominees for 2022 Heritage Awards.
2. Modify the list of awardees.
3. Do not move to approve the nominees for 2022 Heritage Awards.

Financial Impact:

Minimal cost to create certificates and awards using reclaimed City Street bricks.

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