

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
April 16, 2026



- CONVENE:** 6:30 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Chair Dave Shipley and Commissioners Don Trospen, Alex Rossiter and Dave Nicandri
- Excused: Commissioners Rob Paylor and Marnie Slakey
- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Recreation Manager Todd Anderson, and Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams
- CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** No changes to the agenda.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Commissioner Rossiter, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2026, as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.
- SIGNAGE PROJECTS:** Director Denney discussed funding potential to preserve the historic sign at the former Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) headquarters site on Capitol Boulevard. Commissioner Nicandri led a discussion on options for City staff and the Commission to communicate with WSDOT regarding historical preservation during the demolition of the site.
- MOTION:** **Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Commissioner Trospen, to approve no more than three members from this Commission to serve as part of a technical oversight committee for salvage operations for the historic highways department building demolition project to work under the**

direction of City staff to include as is properly envisioned both the stone carvers and representatives from WSDOT.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: Director Denney discussed options for replacing the sign at the City’s Union/Calvary Pioneer Cemetery. The city received a grant in the amount of \$3,566 to replace the existing sign with a plastic sign. The Tenino Stonecarvers have proposed making a sandstone sign for the cemetery for \$6,000.

MOTION: **Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Chair Shipley, to allocate \$2,434 from their fund to move forward with making a sandstone sign for the cemetery.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Chair Shipley adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.**

Prepared by Todd Anderson, Parks and Recreation Manager