



CITY OF
TUMWATER

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

**Online via Zoom and In Person at
Tumwater Fire Department
Headquarters, Training Room, 311 Israel
Rd. SW, Tumwater, WA 98501**

**Thursday, October 16, 2025
6:30 PM**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Changes to Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
 - [a.](#) Historic Preservation Commission 11/21/2024
 - [b.](#) Historic Preservation Commission Meeting 03/20/2025
5. Public Comment
- [6.](#) Transportation Interpretive Projects
- [7.](#) Certificate of Appropriateness – Brower House
- [8.](#) 2025 Department Project Updates
- [9.](#) Olympia Tumwater Foundation Update
10. Next Meeting Date - 11/20/2025
11. Adjourn

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CONVENE: 6:38 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair David Shipley and Commissioners Dave Nicandri, Rob Paylor, Alex Rossiter, Renee Radcliff Sinclair, Marnie Slakey, and Don Trosper.

Staff: Parks and Recreation Department Director Chuck Denney.

INTRODUCTION Chair Shipley welcomed and introduced new member Rob Paylor.

OF

COMMISSIONER

ROB PAYLOR:

Commissioner Paylor shared information on his background. He previously resided in Grays Harbor County and served as a member of the Historic Preservation Commission for the City of Hoquiam. He moved to Tumwater following his marriage a year ago and volunteers at the Bigelow House in Olympia. He is self-employed as a construction contractor.

Commissioners provided self-introduction and shared information about their respective backgrounds and service on the Commission.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: APRIL
18, 2024:**

MOTION: Commissioner Trosper moved, seconded by Commissioner Rossiter, to approve the minutes of April 18, 2024 as presented. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**OLYMPIA
TUMWATER
FOUNDATION
UPDATE:**

John Freedman, Executive Director, Olympia Tumwater Foundation, updated members on the status of activities at the Olympia Tumwater Foundation.

Mr. Freedman announced his upcoming retirement effective December 16, 2024. He plans to continue supporting the Olympia Tumwater Foundation for several months on the history center proposal submitted to the Legislature as well as other issues at the Foundation to assist transitioning the position to the new director, Todd Cutts. Mr. Cutts serves currently as the Olympia Downtown Alliance Executive Director and has extensive experience and background in organizational skills.

Annette Pitts, an Olympia Tumwater Foundation Boardmember is moving to Wyoming. Ms. Pitts also serves as the Executive Director of Experience Olympia Thurston County Visitors Convention Bureau (VCB).

Fundraising is essential to the survival of Olympia Tumwater Foundation. Currently, the Foundation has liquid assets of approximately \$11 million.

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The funds in a trust account are restricted in use with most of the funds dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Schmidt House. Approximately 4% to 5% is allocated annually to operate the Foundation. The Foundation's annual budget is \$1 million with \$500,000 received from the trust. Previously, the Foundation relied on the Schmidt Family, Olympia Brewing Company, and others to fund the difference. Most of those sources are no longer available requiring the Foundation to pursue other avenues to raise funds. One source is the City of Tumwater, which has contracted with the Foundation to provide a variety of services. Other entities have contributed funds. The Foundation plans to embark on a fundraising campaign next year. Fundraising is critical to the Foundation's long-term survival.

The proposed history and nature center originally estimated to cost \$8 million included an event center to host weddings and other community events. The design was changed to reduce costs to \$5 million. The focus has been redefined as an education center incorporating environmental and history education.

Recent surveys by the VCB reflect that over 30% of all visitors to the Brewery Park at Tumwater Falls live outside a 50-mile radius and over half of those are from outside the state. Visitors to the park account for approximately 3,000 hotel rooms equating to over \$500,000 in economic revenue. The park contributes approximately \$1 million annually to the local area economy.

The Foundation plans to add more interpretive signs in the park to recognize indigenous people and the environmental aspects of the estuary, the river, and Puget Sound. Safety rails are planned for installation along steep slopes. The park experienced a rockslide, which closed the trail. The Foundation learned that the area of the rockslide was not owned by the Foundation. All maps provided by the brewery reflected that the land was owned by the Foundation. However, research discovered that the property was essentially a handshake deal between the Foundation and the Brewery. Subsequently, after two years and \$50,000 in legal expenses, the Foundation now owns the property enabling clearance and removal of slide materials to enable reopening of the trail. Resurfacing of the trail system is planned. The Foundation was able to secure some lodging tax funds from the City for its history programs and park operations.

The Foundation's educational scholarship program began in 1967 and has awarded scholarships totaling over \$2.4 million to local students. The Foundation typically awards \$140,000 in scholarships each year and \$10,000 annually for grants and early learning and innovative programs that are not funded by the school districts. The History and Nature Center will serve as an important educational resource to both the community and schools. Criteria for the scholarship program limit the scholarships to

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graduating students residing in Thurston County attending a post secondary school within the state.

The Foundation continues to explore options for the best utilization of the Schmidt House. Several weddings are hosted at the House each year; however, events are restricted to 15 paid events because of the Foundation's tax status.

The History and Nature Center will provide educational opportunities on the environment, history, and indigenous people. The center will include an open interpretive area with rotating displays, interactive exhibits, and community space. The Foundation is working with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and submitted a funding proposal of \$2.5 million to fund a learning center at the adjacent fishery facility.

Mr. Freedman shared a site illustration of the placement of the History and Nature Center. A new maintenance facility is located in the area of an existing storage shed with the new facility also housing the offices of the Foundation. Site improvements include expanded parking and a bus drop off area. He shared several design renderings of the new center that will incorporate indigenous interpretation, history of the Olympia Brewery Company, City of Tumwater, and a map of Puget Sound. The Foundation plans to work with underserved and underprivileged youths by offering free programs to the school district as well as STEM activities. The estimated cost of the new center is \$5.5 million with \$2.1 million awarded by the state. Another proposal included in the WDFW budget to the Governor is for \$2.5 million for the Fish and Wildlife Nature/Educational Center component of the new facility. The Foundation and WDFW should learn by March 2025 whether the funding proposal was approved. If no funding is received, the project would not move forward. The Foundation has received private funding pledges of approximately \$200,000 with the Foundation contributing another \$400,000 for a total amount of \$5.2 million. Funds from the WDFW are critical for the project to move forward. If funding is obtained, the Foundation would begin construction in summer 2025 with completion anticipated in 2026.

Mr. Freedman said he has enjoyed working with the Commission and the City of Tumwater.

Karen Johnson, Schmidt House Curator, updated members on activities at the Schmidt House over the last several years. History Talks attract most of the visitors to the Schmidt House. The Foundation offers history talks from January through May/June and then resumes them at the end of October. The History Talk in October focused on the history of the U.S. Flag. Commissioner Nicandri is scheduled to provide a talk in December on *The Evolution of the Northwest Passage as a Cartographic Image – 1753-1853*. Typically, the talks attract approximately 20 to 30 individuals. Future topics

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in 2025 include talks on *Gardening's Past, Gardening's Future* by Jill Severn, *Whatever Happened to Ambrose Asher?* by Dave Welch, a descendant of Ambrose Asher and a long-time member and officer of the Oregon-California Trails Association, *The 1883 Schwatka Expedition to the Yukon River* by local historian Dennis Larsen about the harrowing story of their five-month adventure, based on the explorers' journals, and *Spring Birds* presented by writer and long-time bird observer George Walter. Gary Ritchie is scheduled to present a talk on the history of roses.

In addition to presenting talks at the Schmidt House, Ms. Johnson said she has provided talks at the City of Lacey, local retirement communities, Olympia Regional Learning Academy, and civic clubs throughout the region. The Foundation also provides displays that are themed with various events. She was also featured on King TV discussing the Davis Meeker oak tree.

Ms. Johnson shared that she and former employee Paul Knight were filmed for a show on the Discovery Channel.

Other Schmidt House events during the summer featured Model A cars in July and Midsummer Night's Dream Faire in August. The events fund music scholarships for schools in Tumwater. The Schmidt House also featured three piano recitals for area music teachers and their students. Approximately 250 people attended the three events. The main room in the Schmidt House can accommodate up to 80-seated individuals.

The Schmidt House Centennial Rose Garden is maintained by volunteers with many of the volunteers aging out with only five volunteers remaining to maintain several hundred rose bushes. A partnership was established with WSU Master Gardener Program of Thurston County. In 2023, a workshop was featured of the Master Gardeners with food and drink. Subsequently, 12 master gardeners volunteered to help maintain the rose garden. This year, Schmidt House sponsored a rose photography workshop with Rich Baer, a nationally recognized photographer of roses, one of which was featured on a U.S. postage stamp. In April, the Schmidt House hosted *An American Revolution Exhibit* created by the American Battlefield Trust and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. The event featured exhibits in the house and auxiliary exhibits outside. The event attracted over 700 people during the multiple day exhibit of which 150 were students. The Schmidt House was one of only three venues in western Washington hosting the exhibit in 2024.

Ms. Johnson reported that several volunteers work with her on the archives located in the basement of the Schmidt House. One volunteer is focusing on framed art. The volunteer cleans and repairs many of the frames. Efforts are underway to catalog the art pieces on the museum database.

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The Schmidt House offers house tours with 21 tours hosted during 2024. The tours are offered every other Tuesday. The Foundation offers a virtual house tour on its website. The virtual tour was funded by a 2023 Thurston County Heritage Grant. The Foundation publishes the *Thurston County Historical Journal*. Next month, the 25th issue will be published. The Foundation also participates in the Tumwater Artesian Brewfest and the Tumwater Falls Fest.

The Foundation offers other services, such as historical research. Earlier in the year, the Foundation provided historical research on the Davis Meeker oak tree and the George & Isabella Bush property.

A small grant funded the renovation of the exterior first floor of the Schmidt House. The house was originally painted with paint containing lead. Throughout the years following numerous paintings, paint began bubbling as moisture leached from old siding. A paint company completely removed all old paint employing lead abatement procedures and repainted the house. A wheelchair lift was added to the west end of the front porch and a part of the garage was converted to an ADA restroom. The house is ADA accessible only on the first floor. Electrical was updated throughout the house as well as lighting. The area of the archives in the basement was expanded to increase space for materials. The project cost was \$350,000 of which \$110,000 was funded by the state.

Mr. Freedman noted that in 2025, the Foundation will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Commissioner Nicandri asked about the amount of lodging tax the Foundation receives from the City. Director Denney responded that the City's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee evaluates each applicant and the amount of tourism an event attracts to the City. One of the largest recipients is the Olympic Air Show.

Commissioner Trosper inquired about the status of the Foundation supporting the operation of the Brewmaster's House. Director Denney reported the final payment for repairs to the House caused by the arson fire was recently approved by the City. All contents in the house were moved off-site after the fire. A substantial project is planned to move the contents back to the house. Staff discussed the project with Ms. Johnson during a recent lunch with the Daughters of the Pioneers at the Brewmaster's House.

Commissioner Trosper inquired about the status of the Daughters of the Pioneers with respect to operations at the Crosby House. Director Denney reported the house is under repairs to stabilize and repair the foundation and replace siding and gutters. The Daughters are using the Brewmaster's House during the repairs to the Crosby House.

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Commissioner Slakey reported on the Pioneer Cemetery event in September to honor the dedication by the Daughters and Sons of the Pioneers. The event was well attended. The event featured six pioneer graves and their respective histories and connections to Tumwater. She congratulated the City and the Parks and Recreation Department for participating in the event. Director Denney said the cemetery has increased in popularity with the City's website receiving over 400 inquires for the event as well as contacts through Facebook. The event was coordinated by Parks and Recreation staff and the City's volunteer coordinator.

2025 PLANNING:

Chair Shipley said the discussion will entail the Commission's meeting schedule and planning activities during 2025. He previously contacted Mr. Schrader regarding the Old Grange. He has not received any response from Mr. Schrader and plans to follow-up with another phone call. He would like to add the project to the schedule, as well as the Wickie Farm and the Hayden School. The intent is to post some signage at each location within either the interior or exterior of the structures. Mr. Schrader had indicated a need to follow-up with Starbucks to receive corporate approval. He is unsure of the status at this time. Another possible project is an inventory of historic sites in Tumwater. Shanna Stevenson had initiated a similar project many years ago.

Commissioner Slakey asked whether the City has a list of historic buildings designated as historic sites. Director Denney confirmed the City has documented all designated historic sites.

Chair Shipley noted that in the past, nominations to the historic register took time that often conflicted with other City priorities, as well as taking time by property owners to pursue the process. He suggested considering how the Commission could encourage property owners to list their historic properties. Property owners would be responsible for funding the historic marker. He cited Thurston County's historic listing process, which also requires the property owner or the petitioner to fund the sign. The City of Olympia does not require owners to purchase a marker for historic properties as Olympia funds the markers.

Director Denney noted that the Olympia markers designate the site as an Olympia homestead site.

Commissioner Nicandri said during the last meeting, the Commission was tasked to review issues surrounding the Davis Meeker oak tree. Director Denney has indicated the lack of staff resources to support the Commission's work, which is why he was surprised when the November meeting was scheduled. He spoke during a recent Council meeting and complained about the lack of Commission meetings and recommended the City provide resources or disband the Commission. He inquired as to what prompted the scheduling of this meeting and the agenda topic.

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Director Denney said the meeting was scheduled based on feedback from the Commission about the lack of any activities. Rather than pursuing a discussion on the issue, the topic was added to generate ideas by the Commission on projects of interest. Tumwater Municipal Code provisions dictate the Commission's role and responsibilities to list structures on the historical register, provide information and recommendation on historic issues, and approve or deny Certificates of Appropriateness.

Chair Shipley added that the Commission also supports educational opportunities for the public.

Discussion ensued on any additional staffing resources for the 25/26 budget. Director Denney said most staffing requests from directors were denied because of an anticipated budget shortfall.

Commissioners and staff discussed the lack of resources to support the work of the Commission. Commissioner Trospen noted that the Commission serves in an advisory role to the Council. The Council has not requested advice except for the issues encountered with the Davis Meeker tree. Director Denney replied that the City has a Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Tree Board, and the Historical Preservation Commission. The City Council is considering the addition of an Equity Commission without adding additional resources. A future discussion with the Council will focus on priorities and the roles of the various boards and commissions as advisory bodies to the Council. He anticipates those conversations with the Council to occur in 2025 but until then, the department will continue to support the Commission's work.

Commissioner Nicandri shared that he often speaks very candidly to the Council during the public comment period at meetings. He spoke to the Council recently and informed the Council that the Commission only meets when there is some "dirty work" the Council wants the Commission to address, such as the oak tree. No productive outcome could be achieved spending time discussing the Commission's work plan when staff resources and a commitment to implement actions are lacking. Unless something changes regarding the availability of Director Denney and staff resources, he does not see any point in discussing the Commission's work plan. He added that he often openly ridicules the Council because of the Council's treatment of the Commission.

Commissioner Slakey offered that a step that may be necessary is formulating a plan for submittal to the Council for its support, which should serve as a measure as to how serious the Council deems the role of the Commission.

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Chair Shipley noted the Commission's budget each year is \$10,000. The Commission has spent some of the budget on a donation to the old brewhouse.

Discussion followed on the possibility of contracting support or seeking assistance from the Olympia Tumwater Foundation. Director Denney said the City contracts with the Foundation to assist in historic programming; however, it might be possible to increase the amount for assistance to the Commission. The Foundation provides tours of the Schmidt House, History Talks, and research when requested for the archives of the Brewmaster's House.

Commissioner Nicandri supported contracting with the Foundation for staff support. He supports pursuing efforts to place more historic signs in the City, which requires no infrastructure and limited staff resources. He cited examples of signs for the Oregon Trail and the Pacific Coast Highway as the City has extensive transportation infrastructure history.

Staff and the Commission discussed the City's budgeting process and sources of additional funds through grants and community fundraising for programs and special events.

Commissioner Rossiter cited a potential project of a mural on the freeway wall along Deschutes Parkway. The project received some support by the Council but he is uncertain as to the status of the proposal. The project could be of historical significance, such as recreating an historical photograph of the City that could serve as an attraction to other historic areas of the City. Another project he supports is a City gate or welcome archway over Old Highway 99 at the City boundary.

Commissioner Slakey supported the gate/archway project as there are many cities across the nation that feature similar structures, such as Las Vegas and Reno, which are visited by millions of people each year. Visitors are greeted by signs welcoming them to the city. The historic nature of Tumwater could be displayed in some kind of sign or gate that welcomes people to Tumwater.

Chair Shipley added that during his travels, he has viewed many entry signs into cities. Today, the City lacks any welcoming signs to the City. Many towns in California often appear to be competing through the placement and the type of welcoming signs.

Commissioner Slakey suggested sponsoring a contest with high school or college students to design an entry/welcoming sign reflecting the historic nature of Tumwater.

Commissioner Nicandri addressed the fundamental problem of the lack of resources to support the Commission. Potential solutions could include

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using the Commission's budget to hire support or transferring the funds to another department that has the staffing resources to support the Commission's efforts, such as the street department.

Commissioner Nicandri asked about the identity of the current Director of the Public Works Department. Director Denney advised that after Jay Eaton retired, the Department was split into the Transportation and Engineering Department and the Water Resources and Sustainability Department. Brandon Hicks is the Director of the Transportation and Engineering Department. He had previously served as the Assistant Director under Jay Eaton.

Commissioner Nicandri asked about the amount of funds the City expends annually for the maintenance of the Crosby House and the Brewmaster's House. Director Denney advised that maintenance is ongoing at both houses. Within the next year, the City will expend approximately \$400,000 to repair the Crosby house foundation and replace siding and gutters.

Commissioner Nicandri complained that the City is spending \$400,000 on a white elephant. The City has two such white elephants which approximates \$500,000 a biennium to maintain, are not open to the public, and the City lacks the funds to maintain. Each biennium, money is invested in the two sinkholes. He suggested the City should seriously consider selling both houses.

Commissioner Rossiter inquired about the process for transferring the Commission to the Transportation and Engineering Department for supporting the Commission. Commissioner Nicandri surmised that it likely would entail either the Mayor or the City Administrator documenting the change attaching the Commission to the Transportation and Engineering Department. He suggested the Commission could offer a motion.

Commissioner Slakey suggested action transferring the Commission to another department would likely not result in any additional staff resources or hours devoted to historical issues. The City is experiencing a serious budget issue and staff resources have been reduced. It is important for the Commission to be practical and pragmatic. Complaining will not result in any positive outcome. She would prefer the Commission move forward constructively and explore possibilities the Commission could pursue. The Parks and Recreation Department has served the Commission well for many years and like other departments are facing a difficult time with limited staff resources. It may require the Commission to be creative in generating some support for some historical projects. Some great ideas were offered by Commissioners for an entry/ gate that should be pursued.

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Commissioner Sinclair said she supports the entry/gate proposal, as it is nearly impossible to distinguish where the City of Olympia ends and the City of Tumwater begins.

Commissioner Slakey recommended the Commission generate some proposals to pursue some of the suggested projects that would also afford an opportunity to meet on a regular basis.

Commissioner Nicandri asked for some technical assistance to develop a slide show for a presentation on a proposal for a series of transportation-related markers. Director Denney affirmed that staff could provide some support.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chair Shipley suggested acknowledging the service of John Freedman with a letter thanking him for his service in support of the City of Tumwater.

MOTION: **Councilmember Nicandri moved, seconded by Commissioner Slakey, to request a letter to John Freedman recognizing and thanking him for his service to the Olympia Tumwater Foundation. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled on January 16, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: **Commissioner Sinclair moved, seconded by Commissioner Nicandri, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

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CONVENE: 6:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair David Shipley and Commissioners Dave Nicandri, Rob Paylor, Alex Rossiter, Renee Radcliff Sinclair, and Don Trosper.

Excused: Commissioner Marnie Slakey.

Staff: Parks and Recreation Department Director Chuck Denney and Facilities Manager Chris Graham.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Election of Chair and Vice Chair was added to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING APRIL 18, 2024: A correction was requested to the second sentence of the fourth paragraph on page seven to reflect, "McFarland is prepared to walk through the form."

MOTION: Chair Shipley moved, seconded by Commissioner Rossiter, to approve the April 18, 2024 minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR: *Commissioner Nicandri nominated David Shipley as Chair and Alex Rossiter as Vice Chair during 2025. Commissioner Trosper seconded the nomination.*

MOTION: By a unanimous vote, Commissioner Shipley was elected to serve as the 2025 Chair and Commissioner Rossiter was elected to serve as the 2025 Vice Chair.

HISTORIC TRAILS AND ROADWAYS: Commissioner Nicandri presented the proposed Tumwater Historic Trails and Highways Signage project.

Commissioner Nicandri acknowledged the assistance of Ms. Kemery in developing the presentation materials. He thanked several historians for their assistance, his son who traveled with him extensively, and Director Denney for providing the resources to develop the presentation.

The story of trails and historic roadways in Tumwater begins with George Bush, a pioneer traveling with Michael T. Simmons and others who established the area that became modern Tumwater in 1845. Settlers in the

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Oregon Territory passed a law that did not allow African Americans to settle in Oregon. George Bush, as an African American, and his traveling party decided to continue north of the Columbia River to an area located outside the jurisdiction of the provisional government of Oregon. They eventually settled in an area they called New Market as they traveled along the Cowlitz Trail.

Commissioner Nicandri shared a series of township plat maps produced by the Government Land Office in the early 1850s. The maps essentially carved up the public domain; however, the federal government had not secured title of the lands from the various tribes in Washington Territory at that time. The government began individually distributing six-mile square township plats throughout the territory. A copy of an 1853 plat map identified the route of the Cowlitz Trail. The map depicts Olympia as an area three streets wide and eight streets long in 1853. Tumwater is located to the south of Olympia at the tip of Budd Inlet. The map also identifies the Cowlitz Trail across the terrain. By adding all the maps together, it is possible to extract the specific township range of the original trail.

Dave Welch, a nationally known surveyor and mapmaker with the Oregon California Trail Association, overlaid the Oregon Trail data with a modern map of historic Highway 99. The Cowlitz Trail crossed Highway 99 several hundred feet north of 93rd Avenue at the southern limit of City of Tumwater.

The Davis Meeker oak tree off Old Highway 99 was a recognized as a landmark on the Cowlitz/Oregon Trail. At the location of the oak tree, the trail begins to divert and runs along the modern configuration of Old Highway 99.

The Cowlitz Trail as it traveled along the airport diverted and followed the route of Bonniewood Drive past Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School. The trail then continued to Trosper Road and west of present day I-5 near Michael T. Simmons Elementary School and then proceeded back to the Tumwater Falls area. The trail ended at Tumwater Falls. In the 1850s, a bridge was built across the Deschutes River near the site of the current Boston Street Bridge.

The Cowlitz Trail segment of the Oregon Trail has been well established. A federal study conducted by the National Parks Service has recommended its inclusion in the National Historic Trail for the Oregon Trail system. However, the process is complicated and requires an act of Congress to amend the National Trail. Congress continues to experience trouble focusing on many issues and the trail is just one of those issues. However, the trail is included on the National Parks Service agenda to include adding the Cowlitz Trail segment to the National Historic Trail or the Oregon Trail system. If, and when the route is designated, the action would

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include adding signage depicting that part of the Oregon Trail along the I-5 corridor north of Vancouver, Washington through Cowlitz County, Lewis County, Thurston County, and Tumwater. Until the official designation by Congress, the proposal is to install interim signs.

Commissioner Nicandri shared examples of a graphic image of a temporary sign denoting the historic trail. The image utilizes the City's former logo with some amendments featuring George Bush, an African American, and his wife Isabella standing over the Tumwater Falls. He identified numerous locations for placement of signs.

The proposal also incorporates Washington State highway signs of the original State Road 1, which extended from Vancouver, Washington to Blaine and to the Canadian border. In 1927, when the federal highway system was created, parts of State Road 1 were overlaid with U.S. Highway 99 or Old Highway 99 signs. Commissioner Nicandri shared an example of the proposed sign design for recognizing historic Route 1 by featuring the silhouette of President George Washington with "1" centered within the silhouette and "Washington" along the bottom of the silhouette. He reviewed different areas within the City for placement of the signs based on roadway alignments in 1922. He described how roads over time were realigned especially after the construction of Interstate 5.

Recording of the meeting inadvertently stopped at 7:05 p.m.

**2025
DEPARTMENT
PROJECTS:**

Director Denney briefed members on future park and trail construction, Crosby House improvements, Brewmaster's House completion, and the relocation of the Parks and Recreation office.

**NEXT MEETING
DATE:**

The next meeting is scheduled on April 17, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Shipley adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Prepared by Valerie L. Gow, Recording Secretary/President
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TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: October 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Transportation Interpretive Projects

1) Recommended Action:

Information/discussion item regarding projects for future implementation on Highway 99/Capitol Blvd and Trosper Road.

2) Background:

Commissioner Nicandri provided a presentation to the Historical Commission on Tumwater's historical pathways, roads, streets and highways at the last meeting. Through his research, Commissioner Nicandri outlined the various designations of what is now Hwy 99/Capitol Blvd and the opportunity to provide educational signage on the history of this transportation corridor. Additionally, discussion included a possible project to significantly recognize the 47th parallel at Trosper Road with a monument in the Capitol/Trosper roundabout.

Commissioner Nicandri and Director Denney visited with the Tenino Stone Carvers to investigate the possibility of working with them to create a sandstone monument for the project.

3) Alternatives:

Discussion Item – Discussion may include opportunities for historical interpretation/education, art, public process, and tourism. Additional items may include costs, funding, transportation/utility impacts and timing.

4) Attachments:

None

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: October 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Certificate of Appropriateness – Brower House

1) Recommended Action:

Staff recommends approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness to remove and replace front porch and front second story deck/rail of the Brower House.

2) Background:

This certificate of appropriateness application is for improvements to the Brower House at 303 South 4th Ave SW in Tumwater. Build in the Pioneer Style in 1895 - parcel # 33202100100.

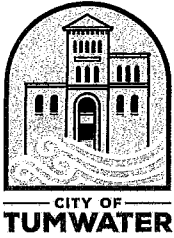
The work includes removal and replacement of both the front porch and the second story front deck/railing.

3) Alternatives:

- ☐ Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness
 - ☐ Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness with changes
 - ☐ Do not approve
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4) Attachments:

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness Application
- B. Tumwater Municipal Code, Chapter 18, COA
- C. COA Summary
- D. COA Approval Form



CITY OF TUMWATER
555 ISRAEL RD. SW, TUMWATER, WA 98501
 (360) 754-4180
 Email: cdd@ci.tumwater.wa.us
CERTIFICATE OF
APPROPRIATENESS
Application

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Application fee: \$110.00

APPLICANT (please print neatly)

NAME OF APPLICANT: Glenda Langford Arnold
 APPLICANT'S MAILING ADDRESS (COMPLETE): 5628 Salish Rd. Blaine, WA. 98230
 APPLICANT'S TELEPHONE(S): 360-746-4053 APPLICANT'S E-MAIL: KAYRNLD@gmail.com

PROPERTY OWNER

NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER: Glenda Arnold
 OWNER'S MAILING ADDRESS (COMPLETE): 5628 Salish Rd. Blaine, WA. 98230
 OWNER'S TELEPHONE(S): 360-746-4053 OWNER'S E-MAIL: kayrnld@gmail.com

CONTACT PERSON

NAME OF CONTACT: Julie Lindsay
 CONTACT'S MAILING ADDRESS (COMPLETE): 335 NE Washington Ave Chehalis, WA 98532
 CONTACT'S TELEPHONE(S): 360-324-2001 CONTACT'S E-MAIL: Matticulousgazbos@gmail.com

PROPERTY INFORMATION

PROPERTY ADDRESS (COMPLETE): 303 S 4th Ave SW Tumwater, WA.
 LOCATION OF PROPERTY (COMMONLY KNOWN AS...): _____

X ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER(S): 33202100100

X SECTION / TOWNSHIP / RANGE: S27182W CURRENT ZONE CLASSIFICATION: SFM COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DESIGNATION: _____

✓ GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS AND DOCUMENTATION, AS NEEDED): Interior remodel, Remove and replace Covered front porch. Remove and replace second story deck.

CURRENT LAND USE AND IMPROVEMENTS: _____

PAST LAND USE OR HISTORY: _____

X FULL LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF SUBJECT PROPERTY (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEET IF NECESSARY): BARNES TO TUMWATER L1 BLK 21

Recognizing that Tumwater was the first American settlement on Puget Sound, and one of the industrial and commercial centers of Washington territory, the HC (Historic Commercial) zone is created to help re-establish and preserve the built environment of the Tumwater historic district as it once existed, thereby promoting the general welfare of the citizens of Tumwater and the economy of Tumwater by developing and maintaining the city's commerce and vacation-travel industry.

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. A complete list of all property owners and addresses as listed on records of the Thurston County Assessor within a 300-foot radius of the external boundaries of the subject property.
2. A vicinity sketch showing the location of the site and its relationship to surrounding areas, including existing streets, driveways, major physiographic features such as railroads, lakes, streams, shorelines, schools, parks, and other prominent features.

The Council, in passing upon the appropriateness of any said proposal, shall consider among other things, the extent to which the proposed building helps recreate the ambience and landscape of the historic district as it existed from 1845 to 1906, based on the following criteria:

3. A map or maps of the site at a scale not smaller than 1"=100' showing at least, but not limited to, the following items:
 - A. Site boundaries
 - B. Streets abutting the site
 - C. Proposed buildings, including dimensions, identification of types, and the number of dwelling units in each residential type
 - D. Location and dimension of all common open space
 - E. Location, dimension, and design of off-street parking facilities showing their size and locations of internal circulation and parking spaces, and points of ingress to and egress from the site
 - F. Existing buildings and indication of future use or disposition
 - G. Existing and proposed structures, indicating setback lines, including fences, culverts, bridges, roads and streets
 - H. All proposed and existing landscaping, clearly indicating type of vegetation, location of plantings, rate of growth and height maturity
 - I. All existing and proposed easements
 - J. Existing and proposed storm water drainage systems
 - K. Proposed land use and densities
 - L. The location of all loading spaces including, but not limited to, loading platforms and loading docks where trucks will load or unload
4. A written statement for development setting out detailed information concerning the following subjects as they may be involved in the development, including, but not limited to, the following items:
 - A. Proposed ownership method
 - B. Proposed operations and maintenance of the development and landscaping, and
 - C. General timetable for development
5. A floor plan
6. Building elevations
7. Provide copies of historical photographs showing ambience and landscape of the Tumwater historic district as it relates to this specific application request

WE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH THE ABOVE-EXPLAINED NEED FOR THE MAP CHANGE, AND ARE CURRENT OWNERS OF THE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF TUMWATER.

Signed by:

Glenda Arnold

Glenda Arnold

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

ADDRESS (COMPLETE):

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

ADDRESS (COMPLETE):

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

ADDRESS (COMPLETE):

DATED THIS 8/5/2025 DAY OF _____, 20____.

ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS LIST

THURSTON COUNTY PROPERTIES ONLY: ADDRESSES ARE TO BE OBTAINED FROM OFFICE OF THURSTON COUNTY ASSESSORS, BUILDING II, FIRST FLOOR

CITY OF OLYMPIA PROPERTIES ONLY: ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS LIST SHALL BE PREPARED BY A TITLE COMPANY FOR PARCELS WITHIN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA

PLEASE INCLUDE A LIST OF ALL PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET OF EXTERIOR BOUNDARY OF THE PROPERTY INVOLVED

JACK SMITH
123 NORTH LANE
TUMWATER WA 98501

SAMPLE

Chapter 18.26 HC HISTORIC COMMERCIAL ZONE DISTRICT

Sections:

- [18.26.010](#) Intent.
- [18.26.020](#) Permitted uses.
- [18.26.025](#) Accessory uses.
- [18.26.030](#) Density regulations.
- [18.26.040](#) Development regulations.
- [18.26.050](#) Exemptions to development regulations.

18.26.010 Intent. SHARE

Recognizing that Tumwater was the first American settlement on Puget Sound, and one of the industrial and commercial centers of Washington Territory, the historic commercial (HC) zone district is created to help preserve the character of the built environment of the Tumwater historic district as it once existed. Development in this district should be consistent with the goals and general land use plan set forth in the 1993 City of Tumwater New Market Historic District Master Plan (and as amended), thereby promoting the general welfare of the citizens of Tumwater and the economy of Tumwater by developing and maintaining the city's commerce and vacation/travel industry.

(Ord. O96-022, Amended, 12/17/1996; Ord. O95-035, Amended, 12/19/1995; Ord. 883, Added, 05/06/1984)

18.26.020 Permitted uses. SHARE

Permitted uses in the HC district are as follows:

- A. Parks, open space;
- B. All uses which were legally established prior to January 1, 1996, except where there is a cessation of the use for three or more years;
- C. Multifamily dwellings;
- D. Personal and professional services;
- E. General retail sales;

F. Offices;

G. Hotel/motel and conference facilities;

H. Restaurants, taverns, cocktail lounges;

I. Post office, library, museum, art gallery or cultural center;

J. The wholesaling, manufacturing, assembling, warehousing, storing, repairing, fabricating, or handling of products entirely within a building;

K. Support facilities;

L. Child day care center; child mini-day care center;

M. Adult family homes, residential care facilities;

N. Family day care homes;

O. Educational institutions;

P. Fish hatcheries, associated appurtenances, and related interpretive centers;

Q. Electric vehicle infrastructure;

R. Recreational facilities;

S. Community gardens;

T. Farmers markets.

(Ord. O2010-029, Amended, 06/07/2011; Ord. O2010-015, Amended, 09/07/2010; Ord. O2007-004, Amended, 09/04/2007; Ord. O96-022, Amended, 12/17/1996; Ord. O95-035, Amended, 12/19/1995; Ord. 1289, Amended, 06/04/1991; Ord. 1288, Amended, 06/04/1991; Ord. 883, Added, 05/06/1984)

18.26.025 Accessory uses.



Accessory uses in the HC district are as follows:

A. On-site hazardous waste treatment and storage facilities;

B. Home occupations, as approved by the director of community development;

C. Accessory wireless communication antenna, subject to development regulations of TMC [18.26.040](#).

(Ord. O2011-002, Amended, 03/01/2011; Ord. O96-022, Amended, 12/17/1996; Ord. O95-035, Amended, 12/19/1995; Ord. 1166, Added, 09/20/1988; Ord. O97-019, Amended, 06/17/1977)

18.26.030 Density regulations.



Density regulations in the HC district are as follows:

A. Site area: no minimum, except the lot shall be adequate to provide for required parking, yards and landscaping;

B. Lot coverage: no maximum, except adequate space shall be provided for required parking, yards and landscaping;

C. Structure height: subject to approval by the city council;

D. Yards.

1. Front: no minimum.

2. Side: no minimum.

3. Rear: no minimum.

(Ord. O96-022, Amended, 12/17/1996; Ord. O95-035, Amended, 12/19/1995; Ord. 883, Added, 05/06/1984)

18.26.040 Development regulations.



Development regulations in the HC district are as follows:

A. No building or structure shall be erected, reconstructed, altered or restored within the Tumwater historic district unless and until an application for a certificate of appropriateness shall have been approved by the Tumwater historic preservation commission. An application fee shall be established by resolution of the city council.

B. No building or structure within the Tumwater historic district shall be razed without first obtaining a demolition permit approved by the commission. The commission shall be empowered to refuse such a permit for any

building or structure of architectural or historic interest, the removal of which in the opinion of the commission would result in adverse impact to the environment and be otherwise detrimental to the general welfare of the city.

C. 1. The commission shall review all plans, elevations, and other information made available by the applicants that is deemed necessary by the commission to determine the appropriateness of any building or structure, including signs, proposed to be erected, reconstructed, altered or restored within the Tumwater historic district.

2. The commission, in passing upon the appropriateness of any such proposal, shall consider, among other things, the extent to which:

- a. The proposed building or structure helps recreate the ambience and landscape of the historic district as it existed from 1845 to 1906; and
- b. The proposed building or structure is consistent with the 1993 City of Tumwater New Market Historic District Master Plan (and as amended).
- c. Accessory wireless communication antennas shall be limited to attached devices camouflaged into approved architectural features of an existing structure on the property such that the presence of the device is not detectable, unless otherwise determined to be appropriate pursuant to subsection (C)(3) of this section.*

3. The commission shall make this determination based on the following criteria:

- a. Placement;
- b. General design, scale, gross volume, size and height; and
- c. Exterior texture, color, and materials of construction.
- d. Historical photographs in the possession of local or state historical repositories shall be the objective standard of what constitutes the ambience and landscape of the Tumwater historic district as it existed from 1845 to 1906.

D. Upon approval of the plans, the commission shall cause a certificate of appropriateness, dated and signed by the mayor, to be issued to the applicant.

E. The building inspector shall promptly stop any work attempted to be done without, or contrary to, a permit issued under this chapter, and shall promptly prosecute any person responsible for such a violation of this chapter or engaged in such violation.

*Use may also be subject to applicable provisions of TMC Chapter [11.20](#), Communication Antennas and Towers.

(Ord. O2010-017, Amended, 12/21/2010; Ord. O97-019, Amended, 06/17/1997; Ord. O96-022, Amended, 12/17/1996; Ord. O95-035, Amended, 12/19/1995; Ord. 1147, Amended, 12/15/1987; Ord. 883, Added, 05/06/1984)

18.26.050 Exemptions to development regulations. SHARE

The following types of development are exempt from the requirements of TMC [18.26.040](#); provided, that the development is consistent with the 1993 City of Tumwater New Market Historic District Master Plan (and as amended):

A. Any development of which the total cost or fair market value, whichever is higher, does not exceed \$2,500;

B. Normal maintenance or repair of existing structures or developments, including damage by accident, fire or elements. "Normal maintenance" includes those usual acts to prevent a decline, lapse, or cessation from a lawfully established condition. "Normal repair" means to restore a development to a state comparable to its original condition after decay or partial destruction;

C. Emergency construction necessary to protect property from damage by the elements. An "emergency" is an unanticipated and imminent threat to public health, safety, or the environment which requires immediate action within a time too short to allow full compliance with TMC [18.26.040](#).

(Ord. O96-022, Added, 12/17/1996)

Certificate Of Completion

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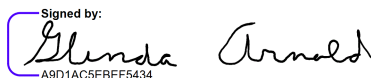
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TUMWATER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR DESIGN REVIEW

Applicant: Glenda Langford Arnold

Name of Property: Brower House

Address: 303 S 4th Ave SW, Tumwater, WA 98512

Short description of intended work:

Remove and replace front covered porch and second story deck.

The Tumwater Historic Preservation Commission considered this application and its findings at their meeting on October 18, 2018.

The Tumwater Historical Preservation Commission

- ☐ Awards
- ☐ Does not award
- ☐ Awards with conditions,

a Certificate of Appropriateness to the above applicant. This is for historic preservation concerns only. All other codes and requirements of the City of Tumwater must also be met.

The Conditions of Issuance are as follows: _____

In addition, the Tumwater Historic Preservation Commission

- ☐ Recommends
- ☐ Does not recommend
- ☐ Recommends with conditions (as specified above),

that the City of Tumwater Community Development Department issue the appropriate permit(s). In recommending permit issuance, the Historic Preservation Commission believes that historic preservation concerns are adequately addressed. All other codes and requirements of the City of Tumwater must also be met.

David C. Shipley, Chair
Tumwater Historic Preservation Commission

Date Signed

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: October 16, 2025
SUBJECT: 2025 Department Project Updates

1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item regarding projects within the City and a potential project with the Tenino Historical Society.

2) Background:

There are a number of projects scheduled to occur in the 2025/26 biennium that could impact or provide opportunities for the Commission. Staff will be providing information on upcoming park and trail construction, Crosby House improvements, Brewmaster's House completion, the relocation of the Parks and Recreation office and acquisition of the LOTT property in Tumwater Valley.

3) Alternatives:

Discussion Item – Discussion may include opportunities for historical interpretation, art, public access, and tourism. Commissioners may also suggest a partnership project with Tenino.

4) Attachments:

None

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: October 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Olympia Tumwater Foundation Update

1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item

2) Background:

Todd Cutts, Olympia Tumwater Foundation Executive Director, will be presenting information on the operations of the foundation.

Through the City's lodging tax fund, \$60,000/yr is provided to the foundation to support their operations and assist the City with historical research, community questions on historical issues, and the promotion of historical tourism. A one-time increase has been approved for the 2025/26 biennium and the Foundation will receive an additional \$50,000/yr to support operations and assist the City with history related projects.

3) Alternatives:

Discussion Item – Discussion may include opportunities for historical interpretation/education, partnerships/programs, park/Schmidt House operations and/or future building plans.

4) Attachments:

None