



**City of Grass Valley
City Council
Agenda Action Sheet**

Title: Historical Commission Quarterly Update

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council receives quarterly update from Historical Commission.

Prepared by: Terry McAteer, Chair, Grass Valley Historical Commissic

Council Meeting Date: 7/22/2025

Date Prepared:
7/18/2025

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information:

1. Free Historic Walking Tours of Grass Valley Continue to Attract Nice Audiences

- a. April 12– 74 people attended the 90 minute tour
- b. May 10th– 71 people
- c. June 14th– 36 people
- d. July 12th– 28 people
- e. Still to come–August 10th and Sept 13th

2. Heritage Homes Reprinting Update– Booklets are now available to purchase at the Bookseller and the Chamber

3. Lake Olympia– The five acre parcel that encompasses the former historic Lake Olympia is being offered as a donation to the City of Grass Valley. I will shortly ask for a meeting with City staff and Council members Caravelli and Arbuckle to chat about next steps with the owner of the property.

4. Redesigning the Walking Tour– The Commission is nearing completion of the walking tour which will have a variety of platforms– a simple walking brochure, walking tour booklet which can be purchased and using Storymaps with digital sections highlighting a Downtown Tour, Heritage Homes Tour, Murals Tour and Citizens Star Awardees.

5. Historic People and Places Pole Banners for Downtown– The Commission would appreciate your approval as we privately and publicly (our walking tours have generated over \$500 in donations) raise funds to highlight historic local notables and historic places in our community by placing them on the banners. At our next meeting with you, we will provide a list of selections for your approval.

6. **History Day— Saturday, April 18th—** The Commission is wanting to create a History Day for the community. On that day, most of the museums and other historic spots would be open to the public free of charge. We are working collaboratively with the Nevada County Landmarks Commission to co-host this event. The County Superintendent of Schools Office, another co-host, has agreed to produce and fund brochures which would be distributed to all K-8 students in the county encouraging them and their families to participate. We ask for a “thumbs-up” from the Council to continue working on this initiative.

Council Goals/Objectives: This executes portions of work tasks to achieve/maintain the Strategic Plan—Open and Collaborative City Government.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Report to City Council