

# MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

October 16, 2025



## CONVENE:

6:30 p.m.

## PRESENT:

Chair Dave Shipley and Commissioners Alex Rossiter, Dave Nicandri, Marnie Slakey, Don Trosper, and Rob Paylor.

Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Recreation Manager Todd Anderson, and City Engineer Bill Lindauer

Other: Olympia Tumwater Foundation Executive Director Todd Cutts

## CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

No changes to the Agenda.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Commissioner Slakey moved, seconded by Commissioner Rossiter, to approve the minutes of November 21, 2024, and March 20, 2025, as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

## TRANSPORTATION INTERPRETIVE PROJECTS:

Commissioner Nicandri updated the Commission on the 47<sup>th</sup> parallel discussion with City Council and the site visit Director Denney and Commissioner Nicandri had with the Tenino Stone Carvers. Discussion of artwork, logistics and potential location for the 47<sup>th</sup> parallel art piece was discussed with City Engineer, Bill Lindauer.

## MOTION:

**Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Commissioner Trosper, asking Director Denney to pursue the project with the Tenino Stone Carvers and negotiate an agreement with them for the 47<sup>th</sup> parallel**

art piece. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Commissioner Slakey, for the Commission to work with City staff on examples of historic signs and where they might be placed in the City. The Commission would also like a map of routes, if possible, from the City. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – BROWER HOUSE:** Director Denney talked about the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness to replace the first and second story deck/rail of the Brower House located at 303 South 4<sup>th</sup> Ave SW in Tumwater.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Commissioner Paylor, that the approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness is to be contingent on the owner providing a photo of the house from 50 or more years ago, sketch of construction design of the project, and description of materials to be used. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

**2025 DEPARTMENT PROJECT UPDATES:** Director Denney updated the Commission on department projects, timelines and status. Projects included the status of the Crosby House, Brewmaster’s House, Parks & Recreation Office, Community Center planning, and the acquisition of the LOTT/Brewery property. Commissioner Nicandri also discussed a potential project with Tenino Historical Society.

**OLYMPIA TUMWATER FOUNDATION UPDATE:** Todd Cutts, Executive Director from the Olympia Tumwater Foundation (OTF), updated the Commission on the OTF Strategic Plan, committee formation and process, history and nature center, educational enrichment program, redevelopment opportunities, organizational health and sustainability, preservation champion efforts, and overall operations of the foundation.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With there being no further business, Chair Shipley adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

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Prepared by Todd Anderson, Recreation Manager