

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
November 20, 2025



- CONVENE:** 6:30 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Chair Dave Shipley and Commissioners Don Trosper, Marnie Slakey, and Dave Nicandri
- Not Excused: Commissioners Alex Rossiter and Rob Paylor
- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Denney
- Others: Darlene Kemery
- CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** No changes to the Agenda.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Commissioner Trosper moved, seconded by Commissioner Slakey, to approve the minutes of October 16, 2025, as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**
- PUBLIC COMMENT: TRANSPORTATION INTERPRETIVE PROJECTS:** Public comment was given by resident Johansen. Commissioner Nicandri provided a presentation on the updated historical interpretive sign project. Initial presentations have been given to the commission, the City Council, and recently as a history talk at the Schmidt House. Community interest is high and crowds were turned away at the Schmidt House due to facility capacity.
- Commissioner Nicandri discussed historic trails/roadways leading through Tumwater and provided information on potential sign types and location along the routes. These signs depict the routes of the Cowlitz Trail, Washington Highway 1/Pacific Coast Highway, and Highway 99 from south Tumwater to Brewery Park.

Discussion included the importance of the historic Washington Department of Transportation (DOT) building and its future removal as that site is redeveloped.

MOTION: Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Commissioner Trosper, for staff to contact DOT and their Historic Preservation Official as well as the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to determine the designation of the headquarters building and its possible listing on the Historical Register. Staff will also determine what steps are to be taken for historical designation if the building is removed and how the iconic building sign can be preserved. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, January 15, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Chair Shipley adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Prepared by Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director