

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

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1) Recommended Action:

Information/Discussion Item

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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.

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3) Alternatives:

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

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4) Attachments:

None