

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

April 16, 2026



- CONVENE:** 6:30 p.m.
- PRESENT:** Chair Dave Shipley and Commissioners Don Trosper, Alex Rossiter and Dave Nicandri
- Excused: Commissioners Rob Paylor and Marnie Slakey
- Staff: Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Denney, Recreation Manager Todd Anderson, and Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams
- CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** No changes to the agenda.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Commissioner Rossiter, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2026, as published. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.
- SIGNAGE PROJECTS:** Director Denney discussed funding potential to preserve the historic sign at the former Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) headquarters site on Capitol Boulevard. Commissioner Nicandri led a discussion on options for City staff and the Commission to communicate with WSDOT regarding historical preservation during the demolition of the site.
- MOTION:** Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Commissioner Trosper, to approve no more than three members from this Commission to serve as part of a technical oversight committee for salvage operations for the historic highways department building demolition

project to work under the direction of City staff to include as is properly envisioned both the stone carvers and representatives from WSDOT.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: Director Denney discussed options for replacing the sign at the City's Union/Calvary Pioneer Cemetery. The city received a grant in the amount of \$3,566 to replace the existing sign with a plastic sign. The Tenino Stonecarvers have proposed making a sandstone sign for the cemetery for \$6,000.

MOTION: **Commissioner Nicandri moved, seconded by Chair Shipley, to allocate \$2,434 from their fund to move forward with making a sandstone sign for the cemetery.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: **With there being no further business, Chair Shipley adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.**

Prepared by Todd Anderson, Parks and Recreation Manager