

TO: City Council
FROM: Chuck Denney, Parks and Recreation Director
DATE: May 27, 2025
SUBJECT: Historical Commission Project Presentation

1) Recommended Action:

Information item

2) Background:

The Tumwater Historic Commission began discussing long term planning and projects in 2024. The first project of 2025 relates to Tumwater's historic trails and roadways. Commissioner Dave Nicandri volunteered to put together elements of a plan relative to the marking of historic trails/roadways. With the assistance of Darlene Kemery, whom the City contracted with to provide graphic design and digital production services, Commissioner Nicandri completed the initial research and developed a plan for recognizing Tumwater's important historical routes.

3) Policy Support:

Build a Community Recognized for Quality, Compassion and Humanity:

- Pursue "quality of life" (e.g., trails, trees, parks, community gardens, events) and aesthetic improvements (hanging baskets, public art, specialty and wayfinding signs, landscaping).
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4) Alternatives:

- ☐ Recommend continued planning and implementation of historical markers
 - ☐ Do not approve planning for historical markers
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5) Fiscal Notes:

To be determined with additional planning. The Historic Commission has limited funding for this project and a local civic club has interest in donating funds to help support the projects.

6) Attachments:

None