

CITY OF LYNNWOOD
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 2005

A. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Chair Sather
Commissioner Little
Commissioner Reed
City Council Member Ross

Absent: Commissioner Tupua

Senior Planner Rivera

B. APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2005 MEETING

Commissioner Little made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2005 meeting. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens were present.

D. WORK SESSION

1. Historic Preservation/Recognition Definition

Gloria presented draft definitions for Historic Preservation/Recognition. The text follows:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION is the identification, protection, and enhancement of identified historic resources that reflect architectural features, broad trends and events, important person, great ideas and ideal, and valuable accomplishments that are truly significant in the history of Lynnwood, through preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction.

HISTORIC RECOGNITION is the identification and acknowledgement of an historic resource to help individuals better understand and appreciate the broad trends and events, important person, great ideas and ideal, and valuable accomplishments that are truly significant in the history of Lynnwood. Recognition does not necessarily involve the preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction of a historic resource.

A discussion was had whether we wanted the City to be in a role of supporting others who were in the process of preserving or did we want to do it ourselves. The consensus was that both activities could take place depending on the historical resource. There was also consensus that the descriptions were adequate.

2. Prioritization of Projects for the Survey

Discussion was had regarding the 23 projects to be added to the listing of possible historic properties in the City for purpose of the survey. Several projects met the criteria but more information is needed to complete the prioritization of the projects, including the dates of construction from the Assessor's office. Gloria will contact the Assessor's office regarding those structures and bring the information to the next meeting along with the names and addresses of the owners. It was determined that once the owner's names are obtained, a letter should be sent to them informing them of a possible desire to place their property on the resource list and inviting their participation. Gloria will bring a draft of the letter to the next meeting. It was also determined that a tour of the sites should be set up with Ken Korshaven, the City Building Official prior to the next meeting to receive his input regarding the feasibility of listing some of the properties if they have been significantly modified.

An issue raised was the need for the City to develop a process that highlights properties with historical significance prior to any development on those lots. Some resource sites have already been lost as development occurred. The possibility exists that historical significance can be raised during SEPA review but a more encompassing process needs developed to be raised with any development proposal. For historical sites, it might be possible to approach a developer with a request for some type of recognition during the development process. (It was noted that Peter VanGiesen did have a recognition program in the past). The survey will help identify those historical sites. A question was raised whether it is possible to incorporate historical resource recognition as the city center plans evolve (an example would be setting apart a portion of the one percent for the arts for historical recognition).

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Tour of Washington State Historical Museum

A request was made to explore the possibility of the Historical Commission taking a tour of the Washington State Historical Museum in Tacoma to help generate ideas for recognition of more recent historical activities (50 years).

2. Retreat for Historical Commission

A request was made to explore a yearly retreat for the Historical Commission in another historical community to help generate ideas for recognition/preservation.

F. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Minutes
- Prioritization of projects for the survey
- Letter to property owners

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 P.M.