

CITY OF LYNNWOOD
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2005

A. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:10 PM

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Chair Sather
Commissioner Little

Absent: Commissioner Tupua
Commissioner Reed
City Council Member Ross

Senior Planner Rivera

B. APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 20, 2005 MEETING

Two corrections were made to the minutes. In Section 4 of the work session, “Stadler” needs to be dropped and the spelling of Echelbarger corrected. However, approval did not occur due to lack of a quorum.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens were present.

D. WORK SESSION

1. Prioritization of Projects for the Survey

The projects to be added to the listing of possible historic properties in the City for purpose of the survey were discussed. Possibilities of criteria for ranking were considered. Staff will summarize data obtained from the County for the sites if readable and present it at the next meeting. Contact letters were mailed to property owners regarding interest in their sites being placed on the Register and some interest has been expressed by three.

2. May Special Recognition Event

Questions have been raised regarding the recommendation of Manor Hardware as the site to be recognized as the May event. The Historic Commissions discussed that part of the purpose of its recommendation is to provide an incentive for similar nominations. There needs to be consideration of an incentive for recognition of sites. The Commission also discussed nomination of maintained single-family residences. The Commission requested investigation of a possible speaker on preservation during the month of May. Contact might be made through the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

3. Annual Report to Council

Preparation needs to begin on the Annual Report presented to the City Council in January. Among the items that may be included are updating of the inventory of historic resources, the researching of property for the survey, contacts with owners of historic properties, the compiling of the historic resource binder, the listing of Manor Hardware, adoption of the 2005/2006 Work Program, the tour of historic buildings, the presentation to the youth of Lynnwood, the joint meeting with the City Council, and the May Recognition event. The Historic Commission also wished to acknowledge the transition of staff and membership.

4. Recognition of Sites

An old photograph was reviewed of the Conklin property on 36th Avenue. Concerned was again expressed regarding the loss of historic sites as development occurs. The Commission would like to see historic photos located in the Convention Center given its proximity to the historic center of the community. The placement of historic photos would like to be encouraged in other areas of the downtown. One could include the building owned by Nick Echelbarger who has expressed interest in having such pictures displayed in his building adjacent to 194th Street. He may be approached regarding a possible reception in his building when the pictures are placed.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Joint Meeting Between Parks Commission and Historical Commission

A joint meeting is recommended between the Historical Commission and Parks Commission. Many of the projects each Commission does interrelate and such a meeting would keep each abreast of the other's activities.

2. Miscellaneous

Research needs to be done on the recorded homesteads in Lynnwood. An individual has been stealing artifacts and pictures from local historical museums. A picture needs to be taken of the historic tree in James Village. Snohomish County is working on a history book.

F. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Minutes
- Prioritization of Projects for the Survey
- Annual Report
- May Historical Event
- Response to Letters
- Recognize Historic Importance of Plats and Units.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 P.M.