

HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2006

A. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Present:	Chair Little Commissioner Sather Commissioner Tupua	Guests:	Laurie Cowan, City Parks Planner Thomas Murphy, ECC Carrrie Murphy
Absent:	Commissioner Reed	Staff:	Senior Planner Rivera Council member Ross

The order of the meeting was changed to accommodate the guest speakers.

E. WORK SESSION

1. Laurie Cowan – Renovation of Water Tower at Heritage Park

Laurie Cowan, the Lynnwood Parks Planner presented general plans regarding Heritage Park. Interpretative signs are being added as well as bronze sculptures. The second floor of the Wickers Building is undergoing renovation to include a conference area and display cases. The second floor will be handicapped accessible. The Wickers Building is on the State Historic Register but not the national since it was moved.

The City has received a State Heritage Grant and plans to renovate the water tower and the attached structure that will be used for classrooms. The old walnut tree cannot be saved and it was recommended portions be saved for propagation and the wood might be used for construction on-site.

2. Thomas Murphy – Edmonds Community College

Thomas Murphy, a professor of Anthropology at ECC, presented information on the LEAF School (Learn-n-Serve Environmental Anthropology) program. This program allows students to earn academic credit while combined with service opportunities assisting local government, tribal, and non-profit agencies with environmental education, projects, and stewardship. The project is involved with local projects (Lund's Gulch, quality monitoring, and the history of watersheds). Mr. Murphy requested feedback and possible contacts for projects. A recommendation was the possibility of digitalizing photos and a contact would be Bob Hoxie. Commission members are to contact Mr. Murphy regarding projects.

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2006 AND
OCTOBER 19, 2006 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

A correction needs to be made to the October 19th minutes. Given the late hour after the presentations, approval of minutes was postponed until the next meeting.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens were present at the meeting.

D. INFORMATION ITEM

No items were presented.

E. WORK SESSION

3. Historic Survey

The draft survey forms were discussed with corrections made. HRA is concerned that the requested brochure be formatted. Commission members were more interested in having accurate survey forms prepared than strict requirements for a brochure. Staff was instructed to contact HRA with the corrections as well as request consideration of the corrections Marie had submitted. Staff was also asked to communicate to HRA that the City wants only the surveys submitted to the State for the structures with potential listing on the federal and national registers. The Commission has some concerns regarding the remainder and would like to continue discussion of them prior to submittal. Staff is also to communicate to HRA that completion of the brochure is a secondary, with the main emphasis on the surveys.

4. Historic Recognition Plaques

Gloria will look into a zinc plaque and ask Kolby about the Scriber Creek Bridge drawing.

5. Scope and Rules

The amendment to the draft of the scope and rules needs to be approved by four members per the last section of the existing version. Adoption was postponed until the entire membership is present to cast a vote.

6. Report from Ron Sather on Historic Landmarks Workshop

With the length of the meeting, this was tabled until the next meeting.

7. Rescheduling of December Meeting

The December meeting would normally be on the 21st which is right before Christmas. Commissioner Tupua made a motion to schedule it for December 14th. Commissioner Sather seconded it. Approved. Appropriate notices will be sent out.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Minutes
- Scope and Rules
- Survey Update
- Plaques
- Ron's Presentation

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

4. Historical Landmarks Workshop

Ron presented information from the Historic Landmarks workshop that he attended in October. "Structures" means more than buildings and can include such things as bridges and the mill working of Gasworks Park. Objects can also include boats and trolleys. The City of Seattle has developed seven districts with individual boards. Criteria have also been developed with 25 years set as the date for a landmark. The owner has to be notified of the proposed designation. For nomination to the State or National Registers the owner's permission does not have to be obtained (50 years for dates). The district itself can be a landmark. Various incentives exist such as private and government grants, tax incentives and code relief. Ron handed out materials that will be copied and presented back to the Commission.

October 14th.