

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
City of Lynnwood
HISTORICAL COMMISSION

CITY OF
Lynnwood

2007

MISSION

To recognize the sites, structures, and artifacts associated with Lynnwood's history and the individuals who contributed to the successful growth and development of the City.

To achieve a balance between preserving the past, satisfying the needs of the present and meeting the demands of the future.

Historical Commission and the Annual Report:

The Lynnwood Historical Commission was established on November 24, 1997 (Ordinance No. 2160) under the authority of Lynnwood Municipal Code, Chapter 2.35. The Historical Commission is an advisory commission to the City of Lynnwood. The Commission's duties include advising and making recommendations to the Mayor and City Council in regard to historical and cultural recognition and preservation activities, and to perform such other duties as the Mayor may direct.

This is the Annual Report of the Lynnwood Historical Commission to the Mayor and City Council for 2007, as prescribed by the Commission's Scope and Rules. The report summarizes significant discussion issues, recommendations and actions of the Historic Commission during 2007. It is intended primarily for the Mayor and City Council, but may also be of interest to other commissions, organizations and individuals who have an interest in historic preservation.

2007 Historical Commissioners

Niniva Tupua	Position #4	Expires February 31, 2009
Ronald Sather	Position #3	Expires January 31, 2009
Marie Little, Chair	Position #1	Expires December 31, 2010
Peggy Reed	Position #2	Expires December 31, 2010
Vacant	Position #5	

Summary of Major Accomplishments in 2007:

The following is a summary of the Historical Commission's major accomplishments for 2007. The Commission:

- Organized a historic preservation event in May with Falken Forshaw providing a presentation on the history of Lynnwood with emphasis on residences constructed in the 1950's.
- Coordinated with the Mayor of Lynnwood in presenting a Certificate of Recognition for historic preservation to Scott and India Rochel for the Conklin/Hayes/Rochel Residence.
- Completed the design and the Mayor dedicated the first historic bronze plaque for the Wickers Building.
- Continued work on the design of plaques for the Scriber Bridge, Bennett Residence, Wilcox Park, and Masonic Lodge.
- Reviewed with the City Parks Department and provided input into the design plans for the Water Tower at Heritage Park.

- Commissioners Sather and Little attended a Heritage Conference in Olympia emphasizing historic preservation.
- Commissioner Little served as a Historical Commission liaison to the opening of the Granite Falls museum addition.
- Commissioners Sather, Little, and Councilmember Ross traveled to Port Gamble and the Suquamish Reservation to observe other facilities preservation of resources. The Port Gamble museum has a drawing of Alderwood Manor from the Pope & Talbot artifacts.
- Members took part in the City of Lynnwood Diversity Fair.
- Met jointly with the Parks and Recreation Board.
- Worked on code amendments regarding residency for membership and inclusion of projects on the City of Lynnwood Register of Landmarks.

The Commission's most important accomplishment during 2007 was the first annual workshop on historic preservation. Falken Foreshaw presented information regarding the City's history, especially development activities during the 1950's. Mr. Foreshaw's presentation brought to light the presence of a unique historical residential design located within the City of Lynnwood. Approximately fifteen people were in attendance, including past owners/occupants of historic residences and structures. Notices were sent to over 100 property owners of homes constructed before and during the 1950's. It is the intent of the Commission to make a historic presentation an annual event.

The Commission finalized the prototype design, in conjunction with August "Lucky" Hurban, for the plaques to be included in the Historic Landmark Plaque project. The first commemorative bronze plaque of the Wickers Building was dedicated in the month of October. The Commission has begun design and text for plaques to be placed at the Scriber Creek Bridge, the Bennett Residence, Wilcox Park, and the Masonic Lodge.

Another important accomplishment this year was the fifth annual recognition of May as Historic Preservation Month in the City. The event took place during a City Council meeting and included presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Scott and India Rochel for preservation of the Conklin/Hayes/Rochel Residence (determined eligible for the City of Lynnwood Register of Historic Landmarks) and a proclamation by Mayor Gough declaring May as Lynnwood Historic Preservation Month.

Citizen education continued to be a priority. Commission members took part in Lynnwood's Diversity Fair, distributing materials to members of the public.

The Commission continued to work with other City Boards and Commissions on projects with historical links. The Commission reviewed design plans of the City Parks Department for renovation of the Water Tower at Heritage Park. The Commission worked with Professor Thomas Murphy at Edmonds Community College to identify student projects.

The Commission focused this year on Board Development. Members attended workshops and conferences on Historic Preservation. Several members attended a Heritage Conference in Olympia emphasizing historic preservation. Members also visited the Port Gamble Museum and Suquamish Museum.

Finally, an emphasis for the Commission is continued recognition during development to insure that the importance of historic sites is not lost.

Lynnwood's 50th Anniversary: 2008–2009 Activities:

Members of the Historical Commission looks forward to working on projects in 2008 which will come to fulfillment in the year 2009 which marks the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Lynnwood. Among projects which the Commission will explore is a detailed rewrite of the history of Lynnwood, including statistics, facts, and references. The Commission will also undertake an oral history project with interviews of key individuals who took part in the history of the City. Dedication of significant plaques is anticipated including plaques at the Bennett residence (first Mayor of the City of Lynnwood) and at the site of the original City Hall. The Commission looks forward to working with other Boards and Commissions in the City as we welcome the City into its "Golden Age."

