

**ANNUAL REPORT
of the
City of Lynnwood
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**CITY OF
Lynnwood**

2008

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 2008, as prescribed by the Commission's Scope and Rules. The report summarizes significant discussion issues, recommendations and actions of the Historic Commission during 2008. 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.

2008 Historical Commissioners

Niniva Tupua	Position #4	Expires January 8, 2010
Ronald Sather	Position #3	Expired January 31, 2009
Marie Little, Chair	Position #1	Expires December 31, 2010
Peggy Reed	Position #2	Expires December 31, 2010
Neil Roby	Position #5	Expires September 8, 2011

Summary of Major Accomplishments in 2008:

The following is a summary of the Historical Commission's major accomplishments for 2008. The Commission:

Prepared and submitted comprehensive plan amendments to the Planning Commission and City Council requesting inclusion of historic sites in recognition of resources, historical commemoration within City Parks, and recognition during SEPA review of redevelopment projects.

Coordinated with the Mayor of Lynnwood in presenting a Certificate of Recognition for historic preservation to the Vietnamese Christian Missionary Alliance Church for the Masonic Lodge building.

Completed the design and had produced its second historic bronze plaque for the Scriber Bridge

Continued work on the design of plaques for the Bennett Residence, Wilcox Park, and Masonic Lodge.

Prepared a "Historic Walking Tour" brochure of the City of Lynnwood between 36th Avenue W. and 52nd Avenue W. and 188th Street SW and 192nd Street SW.

Met jointly with the Parks and Recreation Board and Arts Commission regarding common projects including the Community Transit BRT bus stations and the Lynnwood Parks and Recreation Center. Commissioner Little served on a Subcommittee to select the names and artwork for the new Community Transit BRT bus stations.

Participated in the "visioning" process with Mayor Don Gough

Explored possible ideas for the 50th Anniversary of the City of Lynnwood including an oral history, historic plaques, a calendar, a volkwalk, and historic street signs.

Commissioner Sather attended a "Preserving & Repairing Resources from the Recent Past" workshop in Seattle.

The Commission's most important accomplishment during 2008 was the drafting of comprehensive plan amendments to encourage stronger recognition of the City's historic resources. Among the proposed amendments were: 1) the recognition of "sites" of historic values (as well as the continuing recognition of buildings); 2) the addressing of impacts to potentials sites and buildings early in the redevelopment process during Environmental Review (SEPA) of historical and cultural impacts; and 3) continuing recognition of historical significance during parks planning.

The Commission prepared a "Historic Walking Tour" brochure for the central portion of the City. The walking tour will be promoted during the Anniversary year. The approximate 3.5 mile walk highlights historic sites and residences adjacent to the City Center as well as residences typical of early Alderwood and Lynnwood development. The brochure will be made available at various locations in the City with the hope that visitors and residents alike will take time to explore the unique history of the City.

The Commission finalized the prototype design, in conjunction with August "Lucky" Hurban, for plaques to be included in the Historic Landmark Plaque project. The second commemorative bronze plaque of the Scriber Bridge was completed and will be dedicated in the month of May, 2009. The Commission has begun design and text for plaques to be placed at the Bennett Residence, Wilcox Park, and the Masonic Lodge.

Another important accomplishment this year was the sixth 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 the Vietnamese Christian Missionary Alliance Church for preservation of the Masonic Lodge (determined eligible for the Federal, State, and City Historic Registers) and a proclamation by Mayor Gough declaring May as Lynnwood Historic Preservation Month.

The Commission continued to work with other City Boards and Commissions on projects with historical links. The Commission met with the Parks and Recreation Board

and Arts Commission to review common projects. Commissioner Little served on a subcommittee with other committee representatives to select recommended names and art work for the individual Community Transit BRT bus stations along Highway 99.

The Commission continued its focus this year on Board Development with Commissioner Sather attended a workshop in Seattle on “Preserving & Repairing Resources from the Recent Past.”

The Commission explored a number of avenues to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the City of Lynnwood. Items considered were: 1) placement of at least two historic plaques highlighting significant events, sites, residences, or people; 2) an oral history; 3) a volkswalk/walking tour of a route highlighting historic resources and sites; and 5) placement of historic street signs at key intersections.

Lynnwood’s 50th Anniversary: 2009–2010 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). The Commission looks forward to working with other Boards and Commissions in the City as we welcome the City into its “Golden Age.”

