

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2007

A. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:15 PM

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Present: Chair Little
Commissioner Sather
Commissioner Tupua
Commissioner Reed

Guest: Community Development Director
Paul Krauss

Staff: Councilmember Ross
Senior Gloria Rivera

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2007 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Sather made a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Tupua seconded the motion. Motion approved.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens were present at the meeting.

D. INFORMATION ITEM

No items were presented.

E. WORK SESSION

1. Community Development Director Paul Krauss Presentation

Community Development Director Krauss introduced his background which included historical preservation activities in other communities. The Commission members expressed concerns regarding the recognition of historical sites in the City, including perhaps incorporating their recognition into mitigation for some of the development projects. Director Paul commented that the SEPA process is one point to ask for the mitigation under historic and cultural activities. He recommended the Commission develop a list of the significant sites. Paul also mentioned that the significance of Highway 99 could be featured as the transit stations are developed along that highway. There will be three to four stations in the City which could have placement of murals, signs, and plaques. The design of the station markers could tie in with a standard design reflecting the Interurban.

A concern was also expressed regarding historical aspects that could be featured at Icon Park (which is the closest City Center park to the old downtown). Something historical should be located in that park.

A number of other items were discussed, including possible funding for Historical review and analysis with Snohomish County, pursuit of a recognition plaque at the Jaguar dealership as the last portion of the Demonstration farm, inclusion of a historic reference on the demolition permits, concerns with the historic sites at Edmonds Community College and conversations with the State Historic Preservation office regarding their preservation, and the drafting of a resolution to the City Council regarding designated significant sites for recognition, especially in the City Center.

2. May Events

The presentation by Falken Foreshaw will be on May 30th at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers. His focus will be on the Rochel Residence, the Scriber Creek Bridge, and Bennett Residence. As the City's 50th anniversary approaches, a recommendation was made to have a contest for the citizens to find a house in the City built the year Lynnwood was founded.

3. Commissioning of Plaques Report

Given the problems with getting adequate drawings for the metal fabricator to use, the Commission asked Senior Planner Rivera to contact Laurie Cowan and Cascade Trophy regarding references for an individual to provide adequate copies to the fabricator.

4. Joint Meeting with Parks Board/Arts Commission

Given the interconnection between some of the projects in the City, the Commission would like to have a joint meeting between the Parks Board/Arts Commission/Historical Commission members to discuss as a group the park and trail (historic) features in September. During June, the Historical Commission will draw up agenda items to discuss at a joint meeting.

5. Miscellaneous

A recommendation was made for a Historical Commission field day similar to that of the Arts Commission to visit other historical places and sites so as to better develop future plans in the City. The recommendation was for a field trip on July 28th to the museums and sites at Port Gamble, Poulsbo, and the Suquamish Reservation. Senior Planner Rivera will reserve a van.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Minutes
- Feedback on May Function
- Planning Agenda for Joint Commission/Board Meeting
- Planning for July fieldtrip

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.