

CITY OF LYNNWOOD
HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2005

A. CALL TO ORDER AT 7:08 PM

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Chair Sather

Chair Pro-Tem Little

Vacant

Commissioner Tupua

Commissioner Reed

Councilmember Ross

Community Development Director Cutts

B. APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES:

Chair Pro Tem Little moved approval of the minutes for March 15th, April 19th and May 17th, 2005 as corrected. The minutes were approved unanimously.

C. CITIZEN COMMENTS: Donna Walther commented that the Cressey house and the Schwartz house were being impacted by the Good Shepard Church project immediately to the east. It is the desire of the Church to build a 40 unit senior project on the west side of the Church's property. She requested that the Commission protect the houses.

D. PUBLIC HEARING:

Manor Hardware Building, 19500 – 36th Avenue West:

Chair Sather opened the public hearing to consider the historic designation of Manor Hardware to the City's Register of Historic Landmarks. He asked if any member of the Commission wanted to disclose any conflicts of interest. There were none.

Planning Manager Ron Hough gave a brief staff report that summarized the site's history, current problems and neighborhood location. He pointed out that the owner has the option of razing the building and building something new, or getting the historic designation and qualifying for relief from some development regulations so the building can be preserved and occupied. Mr. Hough described the Historic Preservation Code, the process for official designation and summarized the findings that led staff to its recommendation for approval.

Chair Sather invited comments from the audience.

John Milnor, owner of the Manor Hardware property and Seattle resident, supported his proposal and assured the Commission that he wants to do something with the building and needs permits.

Betty Bruel, a former Alderwood Manor resident, who now resides in Edmonds, talked about the history of the building and her experiences in the area. She urged the Commission to help pick up the pieces and put them back together again, such as has been done in Heritage Park with other historic buildings.

Donna Walther, a member of the County Historical Society and resident of Lynnwood, encouraged nomination of the building to the Register. It's currently an eyesore and is deteriorating but could be an asset to the community. IF approved, this would be the first site to be designated on the City's official register.

Kevin Stadler, President of Alderwood Manor Heritage Association, expressed excitement about saving this building. It will be a significant improvement to our community. He urged his approval.

Tienney Milnor informed the Commission that this property has been in the Milnor family for a long time and they consider it a very significant and historic structure. The family wants to restore it to its original character. She described its unique architectural characteristics and felt it easily meet the approval criteria.

Following the testimony, the Chair closed the public input portion of the hearing and asked for discussion by the Commission. Commissioner Little felt the public comments were very relevant. Chair Sather noted that we don't have many historical buildings left, but have lots of memories. This is a chance to save a building... not just a memory.

Following discussions, Commissioner Tupua moved "that the Lynnwood Historical Commission approve Resolution 2005-1 granting approval for the designation of the Manor Hardware property to the City of Lynnwood Register of Historic Landmarks". Commissioner Little seconded the motion, the motion was adopted unanimously.

E. WORK SESSION:

2005 – 2006 Work Program – Dates & Assignments.

Discussion was had of proposed activities, dates, and assignments. A preliminary program for 2005-2006 is as follows:

HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2005-2006 Work Plan		
TASK	DATE	ASSIGNMENT
Commission Work Plan	7/21	Staff
Register of Historical Landmarks	On-going	Staff & Commission
Historical Landmark Plaques	12/05	Commission
Historic Preservation Recognition Events		
A) Special Event in May	9/05	Commission
B) Recognize citizen, business, or organization	5/06	Commission
Historic Resource Survey	Council Okay 11/28	Staff & Consultant
	Complete Study 7/06	Staff & Consultant
Historical Resource Criteria	10/20/05	Commission
Historical Preservation Program	7/07	Staff & Consultant
2006 Biennial Report	2/06	Staff
Heritage Park/Historical Resource Storage & Display	On-going	Commission
CLG Agreement w/ Snohomish County	1/06	Staff & Commission
Lynnwood History Book	10/05	Staff & Commission

F. INFORMATION ITEMS:

None.

G. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

None.

H. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.