

HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
August 21, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Present: Commissioner Roby
Commissioner Hall
Commissioner Reed
Commissioner Tupua

Staff: Senior Planner Gloria Rivera
Guest: Tiffany Villigan
City Councilmember Van AuBuchon

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 24, 2012 COMMISSION MEETINGS

Commissioner Hall made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2012 Commission meeting. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. Minutes approved. There were no Historical Commission meetings held in June and July.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – Tiffany Villigan introduced herself as a potential candidate for the Historical Commission. City Councilmember Van AuBuchon introduced himself and said he was attending to find out the activities with which the Historical Commission is involved.

INFORMATION ITEM – None

WORK SESSION

1. Election of Officer

Due to the lateness of the year, the election of officers will be held over until the January, 2013 meeting with the present officers continuing in their positions. (Niniva Tupua as President and Neil Roby as Vice-President). Commissioner Hall made the motion to maintain the current slate of officers. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

2. Discussion of Historic Plaques

Senior Planner Rivera has contacted the Vietnamese Church regarding placement of a plaque on the Masonic Lodge. The Commission reviewed several photographs of the Masonic Lodge and selected the colored version as the one most appropriate for a plaque although it would need to be photo-shopped. If the church is amenable, perhaps a tour of the building could be arranged at the dedication. Senior Planner Rivera has also contacted SRO regarding the plaque for the new shopping center at 196th and Highway 99. Once the picture is selected the Commission will need to work in conjunction with SRO regarding the plaque wording. Perhaps the dedication of the plaque could be planned in conjunction with a car show at the shopping center featuring automobiles from each decade.

3. Biennium Budget Request

Senior Planner Rivera reported that the Community Development Director has requested approximately \$3,000.00 during the next biennium for the Historical Commission. This will continue to fund approximately one plaque per year as well as continue to allow for purchase of historical books for the Lynnwood Public Library.

An item previously proposed in the current biennium budget was the placement of historic street names with current names at selected intersections. The City of Bothell had placed historic names on their streets signs on Bothell Way (State Route 522) but they may have been removed. If similar signs were proposed the Commission funds would purchase new signs that had the current name in one color and the historic name in another color (with perhaps a blue background for the historic sign – Bothell's was a brown background). City of Lynnwood Public Works had at first appeared receptive to the idea but now had concerns that two names would confuse drivers. Senior Planner Rivera will consult Bothell again to see if confusion had occurred with their signs. It was recommended that the proposal for the signs be brought forward with the Community Development Director.

4. Certificate of Recognition Presentation

Senior Planner Rivera reported that the Mayor and Council presented a Certificate of Proclamation to Catherine Yule for preservation of her residence at 5017 192nd Street SW. Mrs. Yule was quite pleased with the recognition. The Mayor also read a proclamation declaring the month of May “Lynnwood Historic Preservation and Recognition Month”.

5. Status of Manor Hardware

Senior Planner Rivera reported that one of the City Council members had expressed interest in contacting the owner of the property on which Manor Hardware is located regarding the possibility of them dedicating the property to the City. He was interested in the site as a future expansion parking lot for the Lynnwood Convention Center. At the same time, the Code Enforcement officers have expressed concern regarding safety hazards associated with the building. Senior Planner Rivera had expressed concern to the Council member, that should the building be torn down, the Historical Commission would probably prefer that the site be recognized for its historic significance and a park might be the preference.

One of the guest commented that they would not support buying the property, however, if the property was donated would support tearing the building down and rebuilding one with portions or using portions of the building. The Commission discussed the current status of the building and was in consensus that the preference would be that the owner work toward preservation of the building. The City should attempt to see if the property owners will do something with it or whether the owners would give the site to the City and the City could do something. However, if the building was torn down, the preference was that another building be located on the site with a “museum” regarding the site (area). If anything else was located on the site, the preference was that it be the location of a park recognizing the site. The Commission hoped that some elements of the building might be incorporated into the park (i.e. brick, timbers).

The Commission recommendation should go forward through the Community Development Director. Commissioner made a motion to (Senior Planner Rivera will draft a motion for review by the Commission). Commissioner Reed seconded the motion. Motion was approved subject to approval of the motion language.

Motion:

- The Historical Commission recognizes that something needs to be done with the Manor Hardware Building due to its dangerous condition.
- The Commission recommends the following in order of priority of action: 1) The owner take action to restore the Manor Hardware Building; 2) The owner dedicate the building and site to the City and the City take action to restore, rebuild, and recognize the site; 3) the City make arrangements to purchase the building and site and the City take action to restore, rebuild, and recognize the site.
- Whatever happens, the site needs to be recognized for its historic significance
- The preference would be restoration of the building. If that cannot occur, the preference in order of priority is the construction of another building, highlighting the history of the area (as the former Alderwood Manor center of activity) or construction of a park highlighting the historic site. Construction of a parking lot is the least preferred alternative.
- Items should be recycled from the buildings to be used on the historic site (i.e. signage, bricks, timbers).
- Whatever happens with the building/site, the Historic Commission shall be made an active participant in the process.

6. Highway 99 Brochure

Senior Planner Rivera reported that she is contacting Snohomish County regarding the funding possibility for a Highway 99 brochure. The brochure would highlight Highway 99 history and photographs of early Highway 99 businesses. Release with a brochure would coincide well with redevelopment along Highway 99.

5. Miscellaneous - None

AGENDA ITEM FOR NEXT MEETING

- Masonic Lodge Plaque
- Manor Hardware
- Highway 99 Brochure

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.