

ANNUAL REPORT of the City of Lynnwood HISTORICAL COMMISSION



2005

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 2005, as prescribed by the Commission's Scope and Rules. The report summarizes significant discussion issues, recommendations and actions of the Historic Commission during 2005. 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.

2005 Historical Commissioners

Niniva Tupua	Position #4	Expires January 8, 2007
Ronald Sather, Chair	Position #3	Expires December 31, 2008
Marie Little	Position #1	Expires December 31, 2007
Peggy Reed	Position #2	Expires February 28, 2008
Vacant	Position #5	

Summary of Major Accomplishments in 2005:

The following is a summary of the Historical Commission's major accomplishments for 2005. The Commission:

- Listed Manor Hardware as first official structure on the Lynnwood Historic Register.
- Conducted a citizen tour of historic resources within the community.
- Continued the update of the historical resource inventory in preparation of historic resource survey (identified additional historic resources within the Lynnwood community).
- Contacted property owners of historic structures regarding the historic significance of the buildings and sites and possible benefits to the homeowners of a historic listing.
- Compiled a historic resource binder within the Community Development Department.

- Organized a historic preservation and recognition event in the month of May.
- Continued work on the design and implementation of the Landmark Plaque Project.
- Continued to provide valuable input during the development of Heritage Park.

The Commission's most important accomplishment during 2005 was assisting with and recommending the listing of Manor Hardware on the City of Lynnwood's Historic Register. This listing will allow the owner to pursue tax benefits and code benefits that will allow redevelopment of this project in a manner that continue to preserve its historic integrity. Its placement on the roster also serves as an incentive to other property owners of historic resources within the City.

Citizen education continued to be a priority. A citizen tour of historic resources was conducted. In addition, property owners of potential resources have been contacted regarding the significance of their properties and information provided regarding the benefits of listing on the various inventories.

The Commission continued to update the Historical Resource Inventory with the proposed consideration of more than twenty additional resources and sites. The Commission has been conducting preliminary review of these resources for possible inclusion in the inventory. As funds become available, a historic resource survey will be conducted. In conjunction with this activity, a historic resource binder has been established listing information and data on all sites of interest that is available to city staff and the public.

Another important accomplishment this year was the third annual recognition of May as Historic Preservation Month in the City. The event, this year, took place during a City Council meeting and included presentation of a certificate of recognition and a proclamation by Mayor McKinnon declaring May as Lynnwood Historic Preservation Month.

The Commission also continued to work with other City Boards and Commissions on projects with historical links. The Commission believes that working with other boards and commissions is an important way to highlight the connection between preserving local heritage and providing traditional public facilities and services. For example, the Commission is interested in the development of Heritage Park and restoration of the Wickers Building not only because they preserve historical resources, but also because they provide recreational opportunities and promote Lynnwood tourism and economic development. An emphasis for the Commission is continued recognition during development to insure that the importance of historic sites is not lost. The Commission has also continued to work with the Arts Commission on the Historic Landmark Plaque project. With finalization of the prototype design for the plaques, the Commission plans to submit a contract to a plaque fabricator in 2006 to fabricate these plaques as funding becomes available.

The Commission also wishes to thank staff for their contribution to the Commission's accomplishments for 2005. This has been a year of transition with the change over in staffing of personnel in the Community Development Department and the Commission looks forward to continuing its ongoing historic preservation and recognition activities.

