

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



2006

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 2006, as prescribed by the Commission's Scope and Rules. The report summarizes significant discussion issues, recommendations and actions of the Historic Commission during 2006. 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.

2006 Historical Commissioners

Niniva Tupua	Position #4	Expires February 31, 2009
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 2006:

The following is a summary of the Historical Commission's major accomplishments for 2006. The Commission:

- Completed historic resource survey in conjunction with Historical Research Associates, Inc. (with ten sites determined to be eligible for the State and/or Federal Register).
- Organized a historic preservation and recognition event in the month of May.
- Coordinated with the Mayor of Lynnwood in presenting a certificate of Recognition for historic preservation to James and Cheryl Arneson for the Price/Weigel/Arneson Residence.
- Completed the design of two historic zinc plaques with Kolby Korshaven for the Wickers Building and Scriber Creek Bridge.
- Reviewed with the City Parks Department and provided input into the design plans for the Water Tower at Heritage Park.

- Met with the owners and architect of Manor Hardware to provide input into their project design plan.
- Amended the Historical Commission Scope and Rules.
- Participated in the City of Lynnwood Diversity Fair.
- Commissioner Sather attended a Landmark Preservation Conference in Seattle.
- Commissioners Sather, Reed, Tupua, and Little attended a Snohomish County Tourism Workshop emphasizing historic preservation.

The Commission's most important accomplishment during 2006 was completion of the historic resource survey with the proposed consideration of more than twenty resources and sites. Working in conjunction with the selected consultant, Historical Research Associates, Inc. (HRA), the inventory was narrowed and selected sites evaluated for their historic potential. At the completion of the analysis, HRA determined that there were ten structures in the City that could be potentially listed on the State and/or Federal Historical Register. Other sites continued to be eligible for listing on the City of Lynnwood Register of Historic Landmarks. The site information for those structures determined to be eligible on the State and/or Federal Register will be sent to the State of Washington for inclusion in their database.

The Commission finalized the prototype design, in conjunction with the artist Kolby Korshaven, for the plaques to be included in the Historic Landmark Plaque project. Working in conjunction with a local fabricator, the Commission authorized the construction of two zinc plaques to be placed at the Wickers Building and adjacent to Scriber Creek Bridge during National Historic Preservation Month in May 2007.

Another important accomplishment this year was the fourth 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 to James and Cheryl Arneson for preservation of the Price/Weigel/Arneson Residence (determined eligible on the State and Federal registers) and a proclamation by Mayor Gough declaring May as Lynnwood Historic Preservation Month.

The Commission worked closely with the owners and architect of Manor Hardware (that is on the City of Lynnwood's Historic Register). Design plans were submitted for review that would result in continued preservation of this structure in a functional manner. Input was also provided to the Edmonds School District regarding potential historic significance of the site of the proposed Administration Building relating to the Interurban Trolley. Input was also given to a local developer that may result in the placement of a historic plaque at a Gateway Intersection on Highway 99.

Citizen education continued to be a priority. Commission members took part in Lynnwood's Diversity Fair, distributing materials to members of the public.

The Commission also continued to work with other City Boards and Commissions on projects with historical links. The Commission reviewed the design plans of the City Parks Department that will result in the renovation of the Water Tower at Heritage Park. The Commission also has been working with Professor Thomas Murphy at Edmonds Community College in helping him identify student projects.

The Commission focused this year on Board Development. Members attended workshops and conferences on Landmark Preservation and on Tourism as it relates to Historic Preservation. Finally, an emphasis for the Commission is continued recognition during development to insure that the importance of historic sites is not lost.

