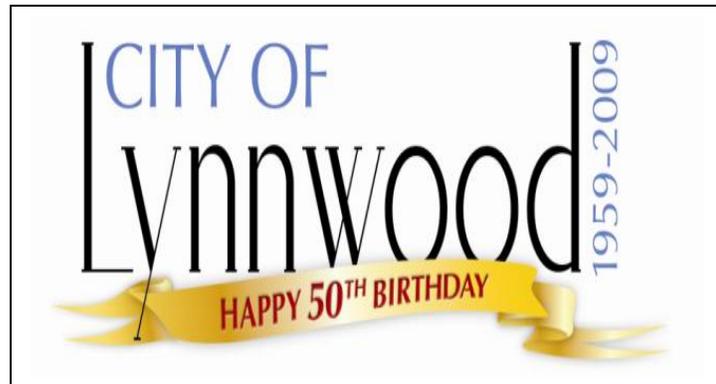


# ANNUAL REPORT of the City of Lynnwood HISTORICAL COMMISSION



## 2009

### 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:

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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 2009, as prescribed by the Commission's Scope and Rules. The report summarizes significant discussion issues, recommendations and actions of the Historic Commission during 2009. 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.

## 2009 Historical Commissioners

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Niniva Tupua	Position #4	Expires December 31, 2012
Neil Roby	Position #5	Expires September 8, 2011
Kristopher Skelton	Position #3	Expires August 10, 2012

## Summary of Major Accomplishments in 2009:

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The following is a summary of the Historical Commission's major accomplishments for 2009. The Commission:

Began the production of a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video to include historic photos and oral histories. The video is being produced in conjunction with students from Edmonds Community College and will feature the growth of Alderwood Manor, the City of Lynnwood, and Edmonds Community College.

Coordinated with the Mayor of Lynnwood in presenting a Certificate of Recognition for historic preservation to Jancye Young for the Valentine/McClane residence.

Completed the design and produced its third historic bronze plaque featuring the first Lynnwood Mayor, Jack Bennett. Continued work on the design of plaques for Wilcox Park and the Masonic Lodge.

Prepared a "Historic Walking Tour" brochure of the City of Lynnwood between 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue W. and 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue W. and 188<sup>th</sup> Street SW and 192<sup>nd</sup> Street SW.

As part of the brochure, a geocache site with “treasure” has been placed in Heritage Park.

Organized a tribute to the work of Marie Little with Marie being designated the “official City Historian” and the designation of “Marie Little Drive” in Heritage Park.

Explored possible ideas for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Lynnwood including the oral history, historic plaques, a calendar, a volkwalk, and historic street signs.

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The Commission’s most important accomplishment during 2009 was the initiation of a video history of the City of Lynnwood which will be completed in 2010. The video is being produced in conjunction with Edmonds Community College. A student from the college is coordinating the interviews for the oral history portion of the production while another student is filming the production. Historical Commission members have prepared scripts for the production and selected photographs for inclusion. The preparation of the production has been done in association with the City of Lynnwood and the Alderwood Manor Heritage Association.

The Commission prepared a “Historic Walking Tour” brochure for the central portion of the City. The approximate 3.5 mile walk highlights historic sites and residences adjacent to the City Center as well as residences typical of early Alderwood and Lynnwood development. The brochure has been placed in the Wickers Building, the library, and City Hall and has been available on the City website. As part of the brochure, a geocache site with “treasure” was placed in Heritage Park which has been visited on a number of occasions. During the celebration, in May as Historic Preservation month, an organized walk attended by over a dozen individuals, followed a portion of the tour to the former “Alderwood Manor”.

The third commemorative bronze plaque, of Lynnwood’s first mayor, Jack Bennett was completed and will be dedicated in April, 2010. The plaque will be placed in either a city park or City Hall. The Commission has begun design and text for plaques to be placed at Wilcox Park and the Masonic Lodge.

Another important accomplishment this year was the seventh annual recognition of May as Historic Preservation Month in the City. The event took place during a City Council meeting and included presentation of a Certificate of Recognition to Jancye Young for preservation of Valentine/McClane residence (determined eligible for the Federal, State, and City Historic Registers) and a proclamation by Mayor Gough declaring May as Lynnwood Historic Preservation Month.

The Commission helped to organize a tribute to the work of former Commission member, Marie Little. The Commission recommended that Marie be designated

the “official Lynnwood Historian,” that the drive to Heritage Park be named “Marie Little Drive”, and that she be given a key to the City. In December, 2010, the City Council passed a resolution honoring Marie and implemented the recommendations. Recognition of Marie continues and the Commission has assisted in the submittal of Marie’s name to the Washington State Historical Society for a lifetime achievement award. If selected this award will be given to her family on her behalf posthumously.

The Commission explored a number of avenues to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the City of Lynnwood. Items considered were: 1) placement of historic plaques highlighting significant events, sites, residences, or people; 2) an oral history; 3) a volkswalk/walking tour of a route highlighting historic resources and sites; and 5) placement of historic street signs at key intersections.

### Beyond Lynnwood’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: 2010–2012 Activities:

Members of the Historical Commission looked forward to working on projects in 2009 which will come to fulfillment in the years 2009-2010 which marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Lynnwood. As the City enters its 51<sup>st</sup> Year, projects which the Commission will continue to explore include a detailed rewrite of the history of Lynnwood, including statistics, facts, and references. The Commission will also continue to undertake oral histories with interviews of key individuals who took part in the history of the City. Dedication of significant plaques is anticipated as well as placement of historic street names at key intersections. As this year’s activities evolved, the Commission acknowledged the benefit of active website involvement and during 2010 will prepare a history specifically geared to the website, including photos, some of the oral histories, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary video production. The Commission looks forward to working with other Boards and Commissions in the City as the City into its second “Golden Age.”

