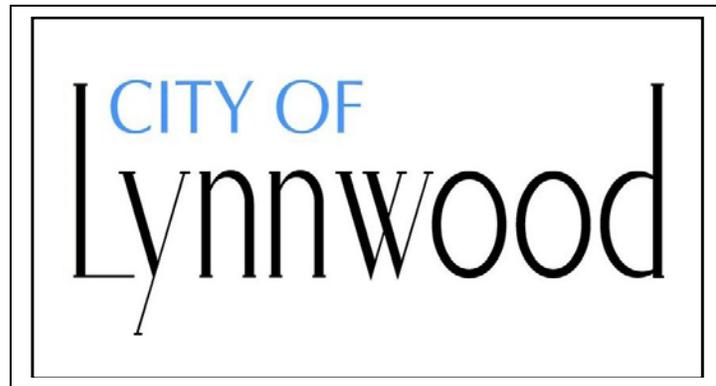


ANNUAL REPORT
of the
City of Lynnwood
HISTORICAL COMMISSION



2010

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 2010, as prescribed by the Commission's Scope and Rules. The report summarizes significant discussion issues, recommendations and actions of the Historic Commission during 2010. 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

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:

The following is a summary of the Historical Commission's major accomplishments for 2010. The Commission:

Continued the production of a City of Lynnwood history video to include historic photos and oral histories. The video is being produced in conjunction with students from Edmonds Community College as well as with assistance from the Alderwood Manor Heritage Association 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 Paul and Jean Gersbach for the continued preservation of their residence constructed in the 1920's.

Monitored a geocache site with "treasure" has been placed in Heritage Park. The site has been visited by a number of people over the course of the year.

Explored possible ideas for the City of Lynnwood including historic plaques and historic street signs.

The Commission's most important accomplishment during 2010 was the continued production of a video history of the City of Lynnwood which will be completed in 2011. 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. Following completion of the video in 2011, the Historical Commission will make copies of the video available at the Lynnwood Library, Edmonds Community College, and at several of the public schools. A number of public presentations will also be held before different venues to introduce the video to the public.

In 2009, 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.

Another important accomplishment this year was the eighth 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 Paul and Jean Gersbach for preservation of their residence which was constructed in the 1920's and is representative of the type of construction taking place during the time of the establishment of the Demonstration Farm and a proclamation by Mayor Gough declaring May as Lynnwood Historic Preservation Month.

The Commission explored a number of avenues to celebrate the history of Lynnwood including the continued placement of historic plaques highlighting significant events, sites, residences, or people and placement of historic street signs at key intersections.

Beyond Lynnwood's 50th Anniversary: 2011-2012 Activities:

Members of the Historical Commission looked forward to working on projects begun in 2009 which marked the 50th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Lynnwood. As the City enters its 52nd 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 2011 will prepare a history specifically geared to the website, including photos, some of the oral histories, and the 50th Anniversary video production. The Commission looks forward to working with other Boards and Commissions in the City as the City continues on in its second "Golden Age."

