Olympia Heritage Commission (OHC) - 2016 Work Plan

The Olympia Heritage Commission (OHC) proposes to meet nine (9) times in 2016 on the fourth Wednesday of the following months: January, March, April, May, June, August, September, October, and November. Subcommittee meetings and special meetings held as needed.

Professional Staff Liaison to the Heritage Commission: Michelle Sadlier

Section 1: Policy and Program Recommendations to City Council

OHC recommendations are forwarded to the full Council as part of the staff report for relevant Council agenda items.
Estimated Percent of Overall Commission Effort: **20%**

Title Description End Product	Committee Lead & Commitment	Staff Commitment	Schedule	Budget Implications
1.a. Promote & Oversee Olympia Heritage Register **Proposed Work:** *Promote and provide guidance on applications to place individual properties and historic districts on Register; review applications and conduct public hearings on proposed additions; review integrity standards and periods of significance for designation of properties for proposed historic districts; consider initiating a status report on integrity of existing Register of over 400 properties and 2 historic districts.* **Deliverable:** *Recommendations to City Council; plaques for individually listed properties; accurate Register*	OHC: Public hearings at regularly-scheduled meetings Heritage Review Committee: 3-9 hours Survey & Inventory Committee: 5-15 hours	CP&D Staff: Individual property application: 20 hours Historic district application: 250+ hours++ Database maintenance: 20-100 hours	As needed	Individual property application: Included in base budget ++Historic district application: TBD. If an application is submitted, it is not included in base budget. Grant funding may be sought for Downtown survey to support Downtown Strategy

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1.b. Conduct Heritage-Related Ordinance Review and Monitoring **Proposed Work:** *Review existing City ordinances and municipal code relevant to historic properties to identify and make recommendations on areas for potential code improvements; Committee to focus on review of code on Olympia Historic Inventory, design guidelines for designated properties, and references to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Standards.* **Deliverable:** *Recommendations to City Council; code revisions*	OHC: 9 hours Policy & Ordinance Committee: 60 hours Olympia Planning Commission: 4 hours	CP&D Staff: 100 hours Legal Staff: 10 hours	January – December	Included in base budget
1.c. Evaluate Special Valuation Applications **Proposed Work:** *Review applications submitted to the City of Olympia via the Thurston County Assessor; make recommendation to City Council for approval or denial of application; monitor properties currently on the program.* **Deliverable:** *Recommendations to City Council; ongoing monitoring*	OHC: Review at regularly-scheduled OHC meeting Heritage Review Committee: 3-9 hours	CP&D Staff: 30-90 hours Legal Staff: 10-30 hours	As needed, 1 to 3 per year	Included in base budget

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1.d. Nominate Historic Preservation Award Recipient(s) **Proposed Work:** *Nominate award recipient(s) to recognize local excellence in historic preservation to be presented by City Council.* **Deliverable:** *Recommendation to City Council; Preservation Award(s) for presentation at City Council meeting*	OHC: 5 hours Preservation Award Committee: 30 hours	CP&D Staff: 10 hours Communications Staff: 10-20 hours	January – October	Included in base budget

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Section 2: Policy and Program Recommendations to City Staff

OHC recommendations are forwarded to City staff to guide regulatory decisions on land use and building permits as well as other planning efforts.
Estimated Percent of Overall Commission Effort: **40%**

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2.a. Conduct Heritage Review for Building Permit Applications for Register and Historic District Properties **Proposed Work:** *Review and provide recommendations for building permit applications for Register and historic district properties; conduct pre-submission advice meetings with potential applicants; unless and until proposed revisions to OMC 18.12 are adopted, review demolition of Olympia Historic Inventory properties; consider possible minimum professional membership requirements as well as method of selection for Heritage Review Committee.* **Deliverable:** *Recommendations to Building Official; public education and outreach*	OHC: 9 hours Heritage Review Committee: 30 hours	CP&D Staff: 75 hours	January – December, approximately 1 heritage review meeting per month	Included in base budget

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2.b. Conduct Design Review for Land Use Applications for Register and Historic District Properties **Proposed Work:** *Work with Design Review Board members on joint committee to review land use applications to Register and historic district properties located within Design Review Districts.* **Deliverable:** *Recommendations to Community Planning & Development Director or Hearing Examiner*	Heritage Review Committee: 6-12 hours	CP&D Staff: 12-24 hours	As needed, approximately 1-2 per year	Included in base budget
2.c. Review and Provide Input on City Planning Projects and Develop Familiarity with Other Regulatory and Budgetary Frameworks Relevant to Olympia's Heritage **Proposed Work:** *Review, discuss, and provide historic preservation input on long range and land use planning activities such as the Downtown Strategy, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Strategy (Action Plan), code updates, Community Renewal Area and Capital Facilities Plan; become familiar with how State and Federal environmental regulations on historic and cultural resources – such as the State Environmental Policy Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act – come into play at the local level.* **Deliverable:** *Recommendations to staff*	OHC: Review at regularly-scheduled OHC meeting Committee formation as needed	CP&D Staff: Varies	As needed	Included in base budget

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Section 3: Additional Heritage Program Activities

OHC members provide valuable volunteer assistance to help accomplish the City's goals to protect and enhance Olympia's historic character and sense of place.
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3.a. Conduct and Collaborate on Historic Preservation Outreach **Proposed Work:** *Organize and conduct activities to champion Olympia's built heritage, including historic preservation month; partner with area organizations such as the Olympia Historical Society & Bigelow House Museum, Olympia Downtown Association, Arts Commission, other citizen advisory boards and other community organizations to create educational opportunities; provide research support for staff in producing biannual rotation of City Hall heritage gallery wall photo displays.* **Deliverable:** *Community programs and displays which encourage public participation in historic preservation and appreciation of the historic environment*	OHC: Varies Outreach Committee: 40 hours;	CP&D Staff: 80 hours Communications Staff: 20-30 hours	January – November	Included in base budget Grant funding may be sought for larger-scale outreach efforts

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3.b. Pursue and Enhance Partnerships and Integration with other City Advisory Boards, Organizations and Advocacy Groups **Proposed Work:** *Initiate and cultivate partnerships on issues related to Olympia's historic places, including other City of Olympia citizen advisory boards, Thurston County Historic Commission, Tumwater Historic Preservation Commission, and Lacey Historical Commission.* **Deliverable:** *Partnerships; coordinated approaches to shared issues*	OHC Members: Varies	CP&D Staff: Varies	January – December	Included in base budget
3.c. Contribute to Programs and Activities to Enhance Historic Downtown Olympia **Proposed Work:** *Work with other City of Olympia citizen advisory boards, City departments, and downtown partners to further downtown planning and improvements; actively participate in the development of the Downtown Strategy.* **Deliverable:** *A Downtown Strategy which reflects and enhances the historical character of Olympia's Downtown; improvement projects compatible with Downtown's historic character and sense of place*	OHC: 10 hours Downtown Committee: 40 hours	CP&D Staff: Varies	January – December	Included in base budget