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Agenda

Landmarks Preservation Commission Planning and Development Services Department

Date: April 10, 2024
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Hybrid (see below)

Staff

Reuben McKnight, Historic Preservation Officer
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INFORMATION ABOUT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

This meeting will be conducted both in-person and virtually. The meeting will occur in the Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market St., Room 243 and can also be attended at <https://zoom.us/j/89120046605>, or by dialing +1 (253) 215-8782 and entering the meeting ID 891 2004 6605 when prompted.

Microphones will be muted and cameras turned off for all participants during the meeting, except for the Commissioners and presenters.

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| 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS LANDS | | |
| 2. ROLL CALL | | |
| 3. PUBLIC COMMENT | | |

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4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Excusal of Absences
- B. Approval of Minutes: N/A
- C. Administrative Review: N/A

5. BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

A. Historic Preservation Awards	Commission	3	25 m
B. Equity Committee updates	Commission	3	5 m
C. Events & Activities	Staff	3	5 m

6. CHAIR COMMENTS

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STAFF REPORT

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BOARD BUSINESS/COMMUNICATION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM 5A: Historic Preservation Awards 2024

Commissioners

BACKGROUND

Every year in April/May, the Commission receives nominations for the annual Historic Preservation Awards. The Commission may select from public submittals and/or suggest additional nominees. These awards are given to local individuals, organizations, and businesses. The awards celebrate the best in preservation projects and programming.

The 2024 Outstanding Achievement award categories include:

- Sustainability
- Housing
- Broadening Perspectives in Preservation (Awareness of under-documented or represented historical narratives)
- Career Achievement
- Commercial Renovation
- Community Engagement
- Heritage/Legacy Business
- Innovation in Preservation and Outreach
- Landmark Nomination
- Leadership in Preservation
- Partnerships in Preservation
- Residential Renovation

Information on the awards and past recipients are located here: [Historic Preservation Awards - City of Tacoma](#)

ACTION REQUESTED

The Commission is requested to discuss and select the 2024 award winners, to prepare for the May 23rd awards presentation ceremony.

AGENDA ITEM 5B: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Commissioners

This is a standing agenda item for updates and discussion related to the activities of the Equity Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 5C: Events and Activities Update

Staff

1. Washington State Annual History Awards will be presented on Saturday, May 4th. More information and reservations here: [2024 Washington State Annual History Awards](#)

2. Washington History Day 2024 is looking for a few more judges for the State Contest on Saturday, April 27th in Kirkland. Preliminary round (8am – 2pm) judges are needed for the exhibit, performance and documentary project categories. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Teachers, history professionals and those in related fields are especially encouraged to get involved. More information at [Washington History Day State Contest \(nhd.org\)](https://www.nhd.org).
3. Call and Response: Documenting Black History in Tacoma. Saturday, April 13th, 11am-1pm. Free, public event. Light refreshments will be offered. Dr. Allyson Brooks will discuss “Why Preservation.” Archivists will be available to discuss how to archive and what to consider when digitizing documents.
4. McMenamins History Pub at the Spanish Ballroom (Elks Temple): History of the building and its renovation journey. Sunday, April 14th, 1-2pm. Free, open to the public. Doors will open at noon.
5. The Grand Cinema is hosting a showcase of historic film, video, and audio highlights from recently digitized material in the Northwest Room’s local history collections. With support from a 2023-24 City of Tacoma Heritage Project Grant, rarely seen footage of Tacoma has now been digitized and made available to the public. May 4, 2024, 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. 606 Fawcett Avenue. This event is free to the public, no ticket necessary. Contact for questions: (253) 280-2814 nwr@tacomalibrary.org
6. South Sound Japanese American Day of Remembrance, May 16th, 3:30-8pm. Washington State History Museum. Free, all ages. This event will open with a resource fair to commemorate the eviction of Tacoma’s Japanese Americans and place this event within a larger context. Educators will learn more about the various sites, events, organizations, and people in western Washington who are teaching the public about Japanese American history. Artists Yoshi Nakagawa and Yuka Petz will facilitate an interactive printing activity. Live performances by Fuji Taiko and Kabuki Academy before a brief procession from the Washington State History Museum’s Remembrance exhibit to Union Station to remember the Japanese American community that was forced to report to the Tacoma train station. The programming will conclude with a panel conversation, “Making the Invisible Visible: “Righting” Asian American and Pacific Islander Histories,” moderated by public historian Tamiko Nimura at “Scholarly Selections.”
7. Join Tacoma Public Library's Northwest Room and Community Archives Center for Eastside Story Fest on May 18th! This free, all-ages event will document, share, and celebrate the unique stories of the Eastside community. Come to the Eastside Community Center where you can:
 - Visit the oral history recording booth to record your memories.
 - Bring your family photos and recipes to digitize at our digitization station.
 - Kids of all ages can share their story through comic book making.
 - See performances from Kingpin X, Ballet Folklórico de Tacoma, Fearless Dance, DJ Press Play, storytellers, and more!
 - View an exhibit of historical materials related to the Eastside neighborhood.
 - This event is brought to you by Tacoma Public Library, Tacoma Arts Live, and Metro Parks with funding from Tacoma Creates and the Internet Archive.
8. It is almost May, Historic Preservation Month. Staff have added local history related events throughout Tacoma to an online calendar, here: [Historic Preservation Events - City of Tacoma](#) Some of the events include but are not limited to the following (see online calendar for links to event pages):
 - May 3: Walking tour of Fernhill with Pretty Gritty Tours, 6pm
 - May 4: Tacoma In Motion: Free public screening of recently digitized audio and video files from the Northwest Room’s local history collections, 4:30-6pm, Grand Cinema
 - May 7: City Council Proclamation, annual program report

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- May 11: Summit on Black History and Preservation in Washington State, 10am-4pm, Tacoma Evergreen campus, 1210 6th Ave. RSVPs encouraged. Free, public.
- May 15: Walk Tacoma – Old Town History Walk. Downtown on the Go and the Job Carr Cabin Museum are partnering on this walking tour, 6pm. Free. Pre-registration encouraged.
- May 16: Japanese American Day of Remembrance, Washington State History Museum, 1911 Pacific Ave, 3:30pm-8:00pm.
- May 18: Eastside Story Fest, 1:00pm – 4:00pm, at Eastside Community Center, 1721 East 56th St.
- May 23: Annual Tacoma Historic Preservation Awards ceremony, 6-8pm, Blue Mouse Theater, 2611 N. Proctor St. Free, all ages, open to the public.

Check the online events calendar for more events and further details!

You are invited!



BLACK HISTORY PRESERVATION CALL & RESPONSE

Saturday APRIL 13, 2024 11am- 1pm

Tacoma Evergreen State College

We want to hear from you!

also

Dr. Allyson Brooks our State Historic
Preservation Officer will discuss “Why
Preservation?”

Roger Evans of the Seattle Griot Project
will be available to discuss how and what
to consider when saving and digitizing
documents

<https://www.theseattlegriotproject.com>

Thanks to:

Dean Marcia Tate Arunga at The Evergreen State College, Tacoma campus and the African American Historical Preservation in Washington Coalition, Roger Evans of the Seattle Griot Project, LACH The Remnant Project, City of Tacoma Historic Preservation, City of Tacoma Arts & Cultural Vitality, Caballeros Club, Tacoma City Association of Colored Women's Clubs

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BLACK HISTORY IN WASHINGTON STATE



SATURDAY MAY 11
2024 | 10am-4pm

at the Tacoma Campus
of the Evergreen State College

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EASTSIDE STORY FEST

Celebrate the
stories of the
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Neighborhood.

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1-4 p.m.



Community
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at Tacoma Public Library



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