



Historic Preservation Program Update

City of Tacoma | Planning and Development Services

City Council Study Session
May 3, 2022

OVERVIEW



THE CITY OF TACOMA PRESENTS
HISTORIC
PRESERVATION MONTH
MAY 2022



Many Voices. Many Stories.

EVENT SCHEDULE

MAY 3 HP MONTH PROCLAMATION • MAY 5 CHRISTIAN BOAT BUILDING IN THE SOUTH SOUND • MAY 17 SOUTH SOUND DAY OF REMEMBRANCE: LANGUAGES OF MEMORY (VIA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY) MAY 24 COMMUNITY ARCHIVES MAY 26 HP MONTH AWARDS PRESENTATION AND MUCH MORE!

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IT HAPPENED HERE.

Tacoma's past is deeply rooted. Carry it into the future. Through preservation and education, we can ensure that future generations understand the importance of our history and the role it plays in our community.

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- Historic Preservation Program Achievements and Goals for 2022
- Annual Report on Landmarks Preservation Commission Activities
- Upcoming Program Goals and Initiatives

BACKGROUND



The Historic Preservation Program:



- Identifies and enhances historic resources
- Manages/protects historic properties and sites
- Conducts public outreach, education and programming

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Historic Preservation 2022



2021-22 Objectives

- Increase access to the nomination process
- Improve diversity, equity and inclusion

2021-22 Strategies

- Historic surveys
- Improved Tribal coordination
- Continue innovative lectures, events and experiences; "Broadening Horizons"
- Partner with community groups in underserved areas of Tacoma (Underrepresented Communities grant, heritage programming)



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2021-22 Programming Achievements

- LGBTQ2SA History in Tacoma with Rainbow Center (Jan 22)
- Puget Sound Treaty War Panel Recap (Nov 21)
- Sea Level Rises & WA State Archaeology (Oct 21)
- Affordable Housing/Acquisition Strategies (Sept 21)
- McKinley History Reveal (Sept 21)
- The 70s Turn 50 (August 21)
- Fire Station History (July 21)
- Northeast Tacoma virtual tour (June 21)
- Tacoma Noir: A Virtual Tour (May 21)
- Mystery mini-series (May 21)
- Historic Register Workshop (May 21)



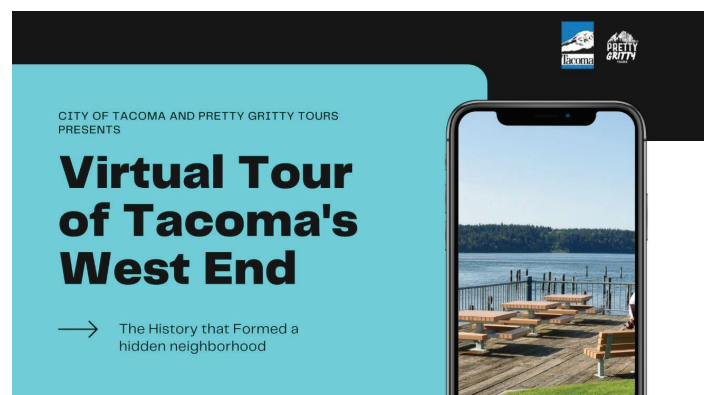
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2021-22 Achievements

- Almost 12,000 social media followers
- Increased virtual programming
- New neighborhood historic property surveys funded (McKinley, Lincoln)
- Heritage Project Grants
- Historic Preservation Internship program



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2021-22 Landmarks Preservation Commission Year In Review

- 35 Historic Design Reviews
- 3 new landmark nominations
- Approx. \$3.8 million in tax incentives granted
- \$50K in Heritage Project Grants
- 145 new additions to local property inventory



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2021-22 Landmarks Preservation Commission Year In Review

Major Projects/Reviews

- Asberry House historic designation
- Old City Hall rehabilitation
- UWT Milgard Hall (new construction)
- 725 Broadway (new construction)
- College Park Historic District nomination review



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Preservation Month 2022 “Many Voices, Many Stories”

- May 3 – Historic Preservation Proclamation
- May 5 – Croatian Boat Building in the South Sound
- May 17 – South Sound Day of Remembrance: Languages of Memory (Washington State Historical Society)
- May 24 – Community Archives
- May 26 – Historic Preservation Awards (6-8 pm via Zoom)

....and more at www.hpmonthtacoma.com

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2022 Upcoming Events

- Secret Organizations (video)—May
- (Virtual) Food Tour of Tacoma—May
- Japantown (video)—May/June
- (Virtual) Lincoln District Tour—May/June
- Indigenous Voices Podcast Panel—TBD
- Heritage Café: Broadening Horizons in Preservation—Fall/winter



Information on past virtual events is available at www.cityoftacoma.org/historicpreservation

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2022 Program Initiatives

- Continue neighborhood and Mixed Use Center historic surveys
- Underrepresented Communities Grant funded study of Black Heritage in Tacoma, + National Register of Historic Places nomination
- Increased partnership with Puyallup Tribe

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