



Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and City Council
THROUGH: Keith Stahley, City Manager
FROM: Historic Landmarks Commission

SUBJECT:

Annual Historic Landmarks Commission Report.

Ward(s): All Wards
Councilor(s): All Councilors
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods
Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community

SUMMARY:

The attached report contains the Salem Historic Landmarks Commission 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Workplan.

ISSUE:

The Salem Historic Landmarks Commission 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Workplan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Information Only.

FACTS AND FINDINGS:

The 2024 Work Plan includes 24 actions within six goals adopted within the current Historic Preservation Plan. The Historic Landmarks Commissions (HLC) projects for 2024 include:

- Continuing to improve public outreach and community education about Salem’s diverse local history;
- Continuing to work with key Neighborhood Associations to improve and clarify education about our historic design review process and enforcement policy;

- Collaborating on educational programming to educate the public about Salem’s cultural landscapes;
- Working with preservation partners to sponsor a technical preservation workshop;
- Working with key stakeholders to develop interpretation and educational programming about Salem’s traditionally underrepresented communities;
- Working with community preservation partners to support development of a Cultural Heritage Strategic Master Plan;
- Continuing collaborating with the tribes and other community partners through our Archaeology program which includes work on the Indian Manual Labor Training School public archaeology project; and
- Continuing to work to identify and designate Historic Resources in Salem, including the Jason Lee archaeological site. The work will be grant funded and supported by city staff.

BACKGROUND:

The HLC adopts an annual workplan every January and presents the accomplishments of the previous year along with the workplan for the upcoming year to the City Council in February. The annual workplan is typically based upon goals adopted as part of the adopted Historic Preservation Plan. In 2020, the City of Salem, a Certified Local Government (CLG), updated Salem’s 2010-2020 Historic Preservation Plan, and a new 2020-2030 Historic Preservation Plan was adopted as part of Salem’s Comprehensive Plan. The updated 2020-2030 Historic Preservation Plan has six goals with 57 actions related to improving public outreach and community education; streamlining historic code; increasing financial support; protecting the cultural landscapes and archaeological resources; encouraging sustainability; and surveying and recommending designation of local historic resources.

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Attachments:

1. Salem Historic Landmarks Commission 2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Workplan.