

AGENDA**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION****2026 GOALS WORK SESSION**

January 28, 2026

4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers
313 Court Street, The Dalles, Oregon

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 17, 2025
6. PUBLIC COMMENT – During this portion of the meeting, anyone may speak on any subject that does not later appear on the agenda. Five minutes per person will be allowed.
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - A. Historic Landmarks Commission's 2026 Goals Discussion
8. ACTION ITEM
 - A. Adoption of Historic Landmarks Commission's 2026 Goals
9. STAFF COMMENTS
10. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting conducted in a room in compliance with ADA standards.

Prepared by/
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Community Development Department

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HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MEETING

December 17, 2025

4:00 p.m.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
313 Court Street, The Dalles, Oregon 97058
Via Zoom / Livestream via City Website

PRESIDING: Forust Ercole, Chair

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Forust Ercole, Victor Johnson, Tom Giamei, Eric Gleason

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bob McNary

OTHERS PRESENT: Museum Commission Representative Julie Reynolds, City Councilor Scott Randall (joined via Zoom at 4:21 p.m.)

STAFF PRESENT: Director Joshua Chandler, Senior Planner Sandy Freund, Administrative Assistant Crystal Sayre, City Attorney Jonathan Kara

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ercole at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Ercole led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Giamei and seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4/0, Ercole, Gleason, Giamei and Johnson voting in favor, none opposed, McNary absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of November 19, 2025, as written. The motion carried 4/0, Ercole, Gleason, Giamei and Johnson voting in favor, none opposed, McNary absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Lennox, 1005 Federal St, The Dalles

Mr. Lennox expressed concern about deteriorated historic interpretive signs throughout the City, noting their importance to tourism and historic education, and encouraged continued efforts to replace or restore them.

Richard Wolfe, The Dalles

Mr. Wolfe spoke regarding Historic Landmarks Commission qualifications, preservation standards, and the importance of maintaining historic resources in The Dalles, citing personal experience in building and historic construction.

Michael Wacker, 4588 Orchard Rd, The Dalles

Mr. Wacker requested recognition and interpretive information explaining the origin and history of Sorosis Park, noting that many residents are unaware of its significance.

PUBLIC HEARING

HLC Application 222-25, Katie Montag, 420 East 8th Street

Continued from November ,19, 2025

Request: Applicant is requesting approval for the demolition of the existing non-contributing detached garage located at the southwest corner of the property, accessed from the alley, and for the construction of a new detached garage in the same location.

Chair Ercole read the rules of a public hearing. He then asked if any Commissioner had ex-parte contact, conflict of interest or bias which would prevent an impartial decision.

Chair Ercole opened the public hearing at 4:16 p.m.

Senior Planner Sandy Freund presented the staff report, Attachment 1, explaining that the application was a continuation of the November 19, 2025 meeting. The existing garage is identified as a non-contributing detached structure associated with a National Register-listed residence. Staff summarized the applicant's request, property context, garage condition, proposed replacement design, and correspondence with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). SHPO indicated no action was required at the state level and advised reliance on local Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) regulations.

Staff recommended approval of the application with conditions or, alternatively, a temporary demolition delay/suspension under the Municipal Code if the HLC determined further exploration of alternative preservation options was warranted.

Commissioner Gleason asked specifically about the maximum allowable length of a demolition delay, including how long the HLC may suspend issuance of a demolition permit and whether extensions beyond the initial delay period are permitted under the Municipal Code.

Commissioner Johnson raised questions related to historic classification and treatment of the garage, including whether the structure's age or historic context affected how it should be

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reviewed and whether preservation or salvage options could be considered without imposing undue burden on the property owner.

Commissioner Giamei asked clarifying questions regarding applicable review authority and procedural limitations, including what actions are within the HLC's discretion during demolition review versus those requiring separate processes.

Chair Ercole requested clarification on procedural and code requirements, including how the Commission should apply adopted criteria when a structure is identified as non-contributing and what limitations exist on HLC authority.

Staff explained that demolition delays are limited by statutory timeframes established in the Municipal Code and may not exceed those limits. Staff further clarified that reclassification or designation of a non-contributing structure would require a separate, formal designation process, including property owner consent, and could not be accomplished through the current demolition application.

Public Testimony: In Favor

Kathryn Montag, applicant, 420 East 8th Street, The Dalles

Ms. Montag testified that the garage is unsafe, unusable, and does not contribute to the historic value of her home. She described ongoing maintenance of the residence, safety concerns, vehicle damage caused by nearby trees, and the need for a functional garage compatible with modern vehicles. She expressed willingness to cooperate on documentation or interpretation but opposed being required to retain the structure.

Ms. Montag also read a letter from neighbors Bob and Joanna Stanik supporting demolition and replacement of the garage.

Angela Wright, 913 Laughlin Street, The Dalles

Ms. Wright, a neighboring property owner, supported the application, citing safety concerns and the deteriorated condition of the garage.

William Lennox, 1005 Federal St, The Dalles

Mr. Lennox reiterated support, noting the applicant's demonstrated care for historic preservation and the risks posed by the existing structure.

Michael Wacker, 4588 Orchard Rd, The Dalles

Mr. Wacker questioned what would occur if the structure collapsed and expressed support for a proactive, safe removal.

Public testimony: In Opposition

Richard Wolfe, The Dalles

Mr. Wolfe spoke in opposition, emphasizing the architectural and historical significance of early automobile garages, preservation standards, and the craftsmanship of the structure. He urged preservation, documentation, or reuse and expressed concern about loss of historic fabric.

The public hearing was closed at 4:51 p.m.

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Commissioner Deliberation

Commissioner Gleason discussed the historic context and rarity of early automobile garages in The Dalles, noting the garage's age, craftsmanship, and association with the early adoption of automobiles. He expressed interest in finding a balanced approach that would allow the applicant to proceed while also encouraging documentation, salvage, or potential reuse of historic materials where feasible.

Commissioner Johnson emphasized property owner rights, safety concerns, and practicality, noting the deteriorated condition of the garage and the applicant's demonstrated good faith in pursuing a respectful replacement. He supported minimizing delay and avoiding conditions that would create undue burden or liability for the applicant, while remaining open to voluntary preservation efforts.

Commissioner Giamei indicated support for approval of the application and focused on forward movement, expressing readiness to make a motion once conditions were clarified and noting the importance of resolving the matter without unnecessary delay.

Chair Ercole guided the deliberation, focusing on procedural clarity and consensus, and facilitated discussion regarding whether an additional condition encouraging documentation or salvage would be appropriate without imposing mandatory requirements.

City Attorney Jonathan Kara advised the HLC on permissible conditions of approval, explaining that any conditions must be proportional to the impact of the demolition and supported by the Municipal Code. He clarified that documentation, salvage, and interpretive measures are appropriate mitigation tools when feasible, but emphasized that conditions should avoid mandatory preservation or unreasonable cost burdens, recommending non-mandatory or encouraging language where appropriate.

The Commissioners reached consensus to include a non-mandatory condition encouraging the applicant to work with the HLC to document and salvage historically significant materials from the garage where feasible, while allowing the demolition and replacement to proceed.

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Giamei to approve HLC Application No. 222-25 with an additional condition encouraging the applicant, in recognition of the historic nature of the auto house, to work the Historic Landmarks Commission to document, salvage, and reuse historic materials to the extent feasible. The motion carried 4/0, Ercole, Gleason, Giamei and Johnson voting in favor, none opposed, McNary absent.

RESOLUTION

HLC Resolution 207-25, Katie Montag, 420 East 8th Street

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution HLC 207-25 as amended. The motion carried 4/0, Ercole, Gleason, Giamei and Johnson voting in favor, none opposed, McNary absent.

2026 GOAL SETTING

Senior Planner Freund presented draft 2026 Historic Landmarks Commission goals, Attachment 2, explaining that the materials included revisions to prior-year goals intended to reduce duplicative language, consolidate certain ongoing items, and clarify distinctions between short-term and continuous goals. Staff explained that the revisions were intended to improve clarity and support more effective implementation.

Chair Ercole asked questions regarding the structure of the proposed goals and whether consolidation differed from prior years' goal-setting practices. He noted that several topics, including fees, appeared closely related to goal setting and suggested that those items could be discussed in the same forum.

Commissioner Gleason stated that site-specific goals had previously been kept separate to support grant applications and provide clearer focus for individual historic properties. He said that a more detailed discussion would be beneficial before making any decisions and indicated that a focused work session would allow the HLC to better evaluate the proposed changes.

Museum Representative Reynolds agreed that separating goals by property or project can be important due to differing ownership, stewardship responsibilities, and historical context, and expressed concern that over-consolidation could reduce clarity.

Commissioner Johnson emphasized the importance of keeping goals realistic and achievable, noting staff capacity and HLC resources. He expressed support for continued discussion in a work session setting rather than acting at this meeting.

Commissioner Giamei expressed interest in allowing additional time for review and supported postponing decisions until the Commissioners could meet in a more focused setting.

It was moved by Gleason and seconded by Johnson to table the discussion and schedule a focused work session on 2026 goal setting to be held in January 2026. The motion carried 4/0, Ercole, Gleason, Giamei and Johnson voting in favor, none opposed, McNary absent.

DISCUSSION

HLC Application Fees

Senior Planner Freund explained that the City is currently engaged in a citywide effort to adjust fee schedules to better reflect cost recovery. She stated that HLC application fees do not cover the actual cost of processing applications, particularly due to required newspaper noticing. She noted that Chapter 11 of the Municipal Code requires separate newspaper noticing for HLC applications and demolition proposals, causing some applications to have double noticing. She explained that staff had identified alternatives that could reduce costs:

- Alternative One – Retain Current Noticing Requirements: Continue to require newspaper notice for all Historic Landmarks Commission applications, including both demolition and non-demolition items, as currently required under Chapter 11 of the Municipal Code. Under this alternative, application fees would likely need to increase to better reflect the cost of staff time, legal review, and required newspaper publication.

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- Alternative Two – Limit Newspaper Notice to Demolition Applications Only: Amend the Municipal Code to require newspaper notice only for demolition-related HLC applications. Non-demolition HLC applications would continue to receive mailed notices to affected property owners and electronic distribution to local media outlets but would no longer require newspaper publication. This alternative would reduce noticing costs and help minimize application fee increases, which would otherwise be adjusted only as needed to reflect CPI and cost recovery.

Community Development Director Chandler provided additional context, explaining that fee adjustments are reviewed annually and that department heads must submit proposed fee changes by mid-January. He stated that staff are considering modest increases, generally around three percent, to keep pace with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and increasing costs, particularly noticing expenses. Director Chandler emphasized that the intent is cost recovery rather than revenue generation and noted that the City of The Dalles' application fees are significantly lower than those of comparable jurisdictions. He explained that staff time, legal review, and noticing costs substantially exceed the current \$85 HLC application fee. Director Chandler also stated that if the Commissioners did not support continued newspaper noticing for all HLC applications, staff could pursue a code amendment to revise noticing requirements.

Chair Ercole asked whether action was required at this meeting to address noticing requirements or fee adjustments and requested clarification regarding the alternatives outlined in the staff memo.

Commissioner Johnson expressed concern about the effectiveness of newspaper notices, noting that many residents no longer rely on print newspapers. He suggested exploring alternative notification methods, including digital notice, to reduce costs while maintaining public awareness.

Senior Planner Freund responded that state law requires notice in a newspaper of local circulation for certain public hearings and noted equity considerations, including access to the internet. She clarified that mailed notice to nearby property owners would continue regardless of newspaper notice changes and that the proposed alternative would remove newspaper notice for non-demolition HLC applications only.

Museum Representative Reynolds suggested website posting as a supplemental notification method, noting that notices are already posted online as part of the process.

Commissioner Gleason stated that he supported limiting newspaper notice requirements and expressed concern about charging fees for HLC applications, noting that fees could discourage historic preservation efforts. He indicated support for "Alternative Two," which would retain newspaper noticing only for demolition applications.

Commissioner Johnson echoed concerns about increased fees discouraging participation and stated that reducing noticing costs could help keep application fees lower.

Commissioner Giamei asked how much application fees might increase under the proposed adjustments.

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Senior Planner Freund and Director Chandler clarified that staff are still evaluating specific fee amounts, but that increase would likely be modest and tied to CPI if newspaper notice requirements were reduced.

Director Chandler further explained that demolition applications would continue to require newspaper notice due to their broader community impact, and that staff also distributes notices electronically to local media outlets for all applications.

Chair Ercole asked whether the Commission wished to pursue changes to the Municipal Code to eliminate newspaper notice requirements for non-demolition Historic Landmarks Commission applications.

Following discussion, the Commission expressed general agreement with Alternative Two, which would retain newspaper notice for demolition applications only and eliminate newspaper notice for other Historic Landmarks Commission applications, relying instead on mailed property owner notice and existing electronic media distribution.

By consensus, the Commission supported further staff evaluation of Alternative Two, including potential code amendments to modify noticing requirements and related fee considerations.

STAFF COMMENTS

Senior Planner Freund stated that she had no formal comments but expressed appreciation for the Commission's passion for historic preservation and its commitment to protecting the historic sites and history of The Dalles. She noted that she values working with the Commission and thanked the members for their thoughtful discussion and engagement, particularly regarding goal setting.

Chair Ercole thanked Staff for their work and stated appreciation for the assistance and support provided throughout the meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Gleason commented in response to earlier public testimony regarding Commission qualifications, explaining that as a Certified Local Government (CLG), the HLC is required by SHPO to meet specific professional qualification standards. He noted that Commissioner appointments are not arbitrary and must comply with CLG requirements.

Chair Ercole added that Commissioner appointments are subject to reappointment processes and are not permanent.

Commissioner Johnson expressed appreciation for Staff's work and thanked Director Chandler and City Attorney Kara for their assistance during the meeting. He noted that the application discussed during the hearing was challenging due to prior classification issues but stated that Staff and the applicant had worked in good faith throughout the process. He also noted the importance of updating historic inventories to avoid similar issues in the future.

Museum Representative Reynolds stated that the museum is currently closed but is anticipated to reopen in early 2026.

Commissioner Giamei expressed concern regarding the length of time required to process the application, noting that it had been under review since September and that delays can be difficult for applicants, particularly when weather becomes a factor. He suggested that improving processing timelines should be considered as a future goal.

Senior Planner Freund responded by explaining that application timelines are affected by completeness requirements, noting that incomplete applications require additional information before review can proceed. She outlined statutory timelines for land use applications and noted that historic review timelines can vary. She acknowledged the concern and stated that the Department is working on internal process improvements to streamline reviews.

Community Development Director Chandler stated that incomplete applications can significantly extend review timelines and noted that the Department has received a DLCD grant to assist with streamlining development review processes. He emphasized Staff's commitment to continuous improvement while balancing thorough review requirements.

Commissioner Johnson stated that, based on his personal experience, the Planning Department's processes appear to be improving and expressed appreciation for recent efforts to refine and streamline reviews.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Meeting conducted in a room in compliance with ADA standards.

Submitted by/
Crystal Sayre, Administrative Assistant
Community Development Department

SIGNED:

Forust Ercole, Chair

ATTEST:

Crystal Sayre, Administrative Assistant
Community Development Department



City of The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025 | 4:00 PM
CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 19, 2025

HLC Application #222-25

Applicant: Kathryn Montag

Site Address: 420 East 8th Street

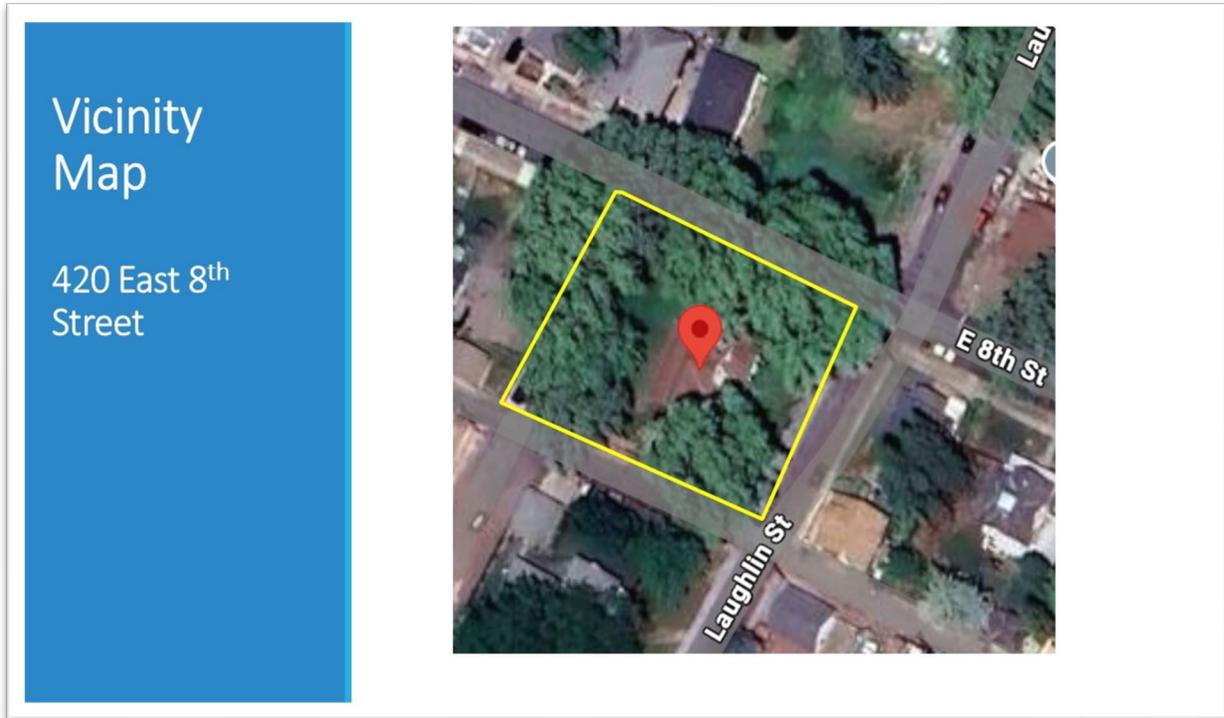
Historic Status: Garage – “non-contributing Structure”

- Residence: National Register, Dr. J.A. Reuter Residence – “contributing”

Historic District: None

Existing Use: Detached structure (non-contributing) / Residence (contributing resource)

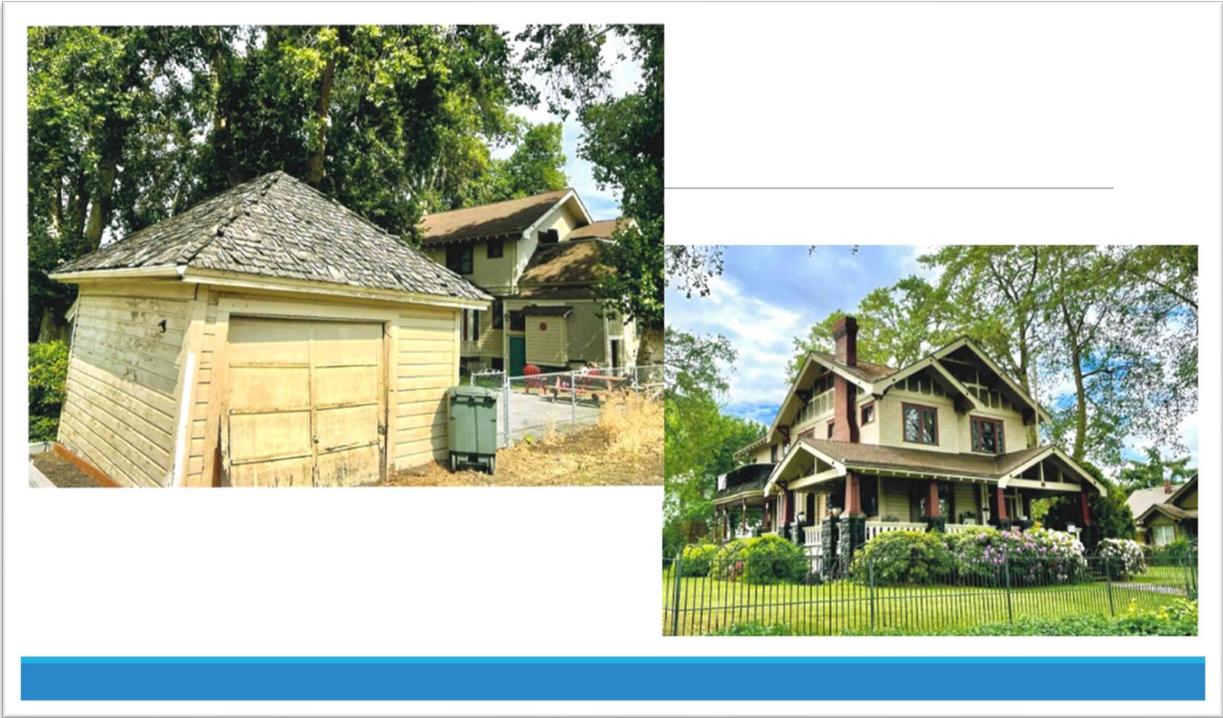
Request: Approval for the demolition of the existing non-contributing detached garage located at the southwest corner of the property, accessed from the alley, and for the construction of a new detached garage to be constructed in the same location.

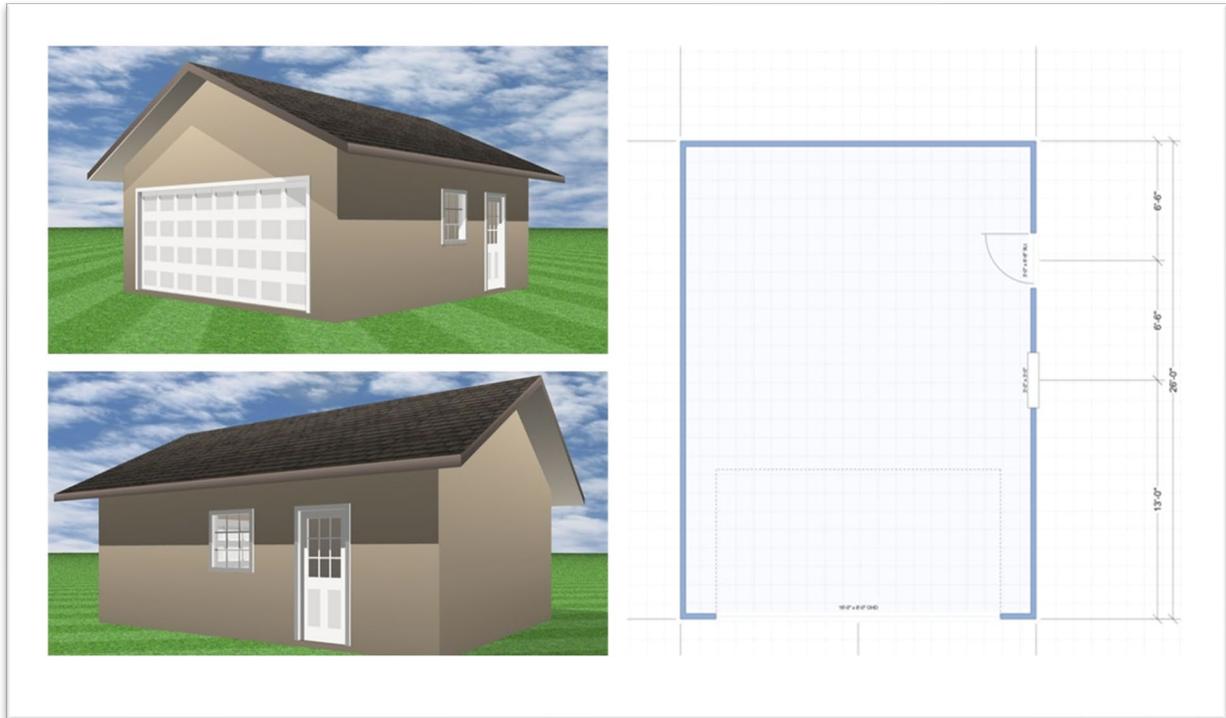


Applicant Proposal

Demo & New Construction:

- Request demolition of existing non-contributing garage structure (14'6" x 19'7")
- Replace with new garage (20 x 26')
- To match paint and materials of existing historic residence
 - Site of historic Dr. J.A. Reuter residence c. 1890 / 1909





Recommendation

- All applicable criteria met:
 - Secretary of the Interior Standards
 - The Dalles Municipal Code, Title 11 criteria
- Staff recommends the HLC either adopt Resolution No. 207-25, granting approval with conditions, to demolish the existing detached non-contributing garage structure and build a new garage in its place; **or**, delay demolition for a defined period of time (TDMC [11.12.080, \(B\)\(1-5\)](#)) while alternatives are explored.



City of The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission

QUESTIONS?

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Historic Landmarks Commission 2026 Goals

City of The Dalles
Goal-Setting Meeting

Short-Term Goals (1–2 Years)

- Update Historic Ordinance and Design Standards to be clear and objective
- Encourage the addition of a student representative on the Historic Landmarks Commission
- Apply for a grant to create a Preservation Plan for The Dalles
- Develop a concept design for new historic building plaques and promote fabrication and installation

Short-Term Goals (continued)

- Support the creation of tours of historic properties, including Pioneer Cemetery
- Encourage restoration and preservation of Pioneer Cemetery and establish an online inventory
- Encourage restoration of upstairs windows of the Waldron-Gitchell Building
- Update historic inventories and encourage new local and national nominations, including Amotan Field

Short-Term Goals (continued)

- Research the historical significance of the Rock House
- Research former railroad structures along East Second Street near Brewery Grade Overpass

Continuous Goals

- Provide a historic restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors
- Provide landscaping, informational signage, and maintenance of Pioneer Cemetery
- Encourage preservation and reuse of the Waldron-Gitchell Building
- Collaborate with Main Street and The Dalles Art Center on downtown restoration projects

Continuous Goals (continued)

- Make historic preservation educational and funding resources available online
- Provide annual recognition of historic restorations at goal-setting meetings
- Provide onsite acknowledgements for notable restorations
- Encourage historic restoration downtown through historic background research

Continuous Goals (continued)

- Encourage collection and preservation of local oral and written histories
- Support Historic Preservation Month and educational workshops
- Assist with historic plaque costs and availability
- Keep the Historic Walking Tour current in all formats

Continuous Goals (continued)

- Increase communication on Urban Renewal and Main Street projects, vision, and goals
- Provide optional historic and procedural commissioner trainings
- Support Fort Dalles / Anderson Homestead Museum and Vehicle Storage Display Building
- Support preservation and continued use of The Dalles High School and Colonel Wright Elementary School

Continuous Goals (continued)

- Encourage preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown
- Encourage preservation and continued use of Rock Fort following the adopted plan
- Continue to support, advocate for, and preserve historic properties community-wide

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MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: January 28, 2026
To: The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC)
From: Sandy Freund, AICP, Senior Planner
ISSUE: HLC 2026 Goal Setting – key to documents

This year’s goal setting documents for the January 28, 2026 work session have been updated. In order to assist you with your review of the documents, staff is providing the following information.

There are four (4) documents and a supplemental for review. They are as follows:

Goals provided at the December 17, 2025 HLC meeting:	
1. Attachment A:	These were the 2025 Goals brought forward for review
2. Attachment B:	These were the 2025 Goals that staff streamlined – with “track changes” mode turned on (red text), and some renumbering starting with “Continuous Goals”.
3. Attachment C:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. This attachment was focused only on the “<u>Continuous Goals</u>” section as seen in Attachments A & B. b. Staff combined several goals in order to reduce redundancy into either, 1) a single combined goal or, 2) further “streamlined” goals (in red text)

New format with Supplemental guide:

4. 2026 Goals – *Strategic Plan format*:

This document has been reorganized into a strategic plan format to better translate the 2026 goals into actionable items. Each goal is presented individually, followed by the actions required to realize it.

Supplemental Document to *Strategic Plan*:

This supplemental document provides the underlying content and structure for the strategic plan. It presents the information in a simplified Word document format, which was then used to create and organize the finalized strategic plan document

It is staffs hope that the new strategic plan format will help guide the Commission in organizing goals into actionable items that can then be adopted. During the HLC Goal Setting work session, the Commission will review and determine whether to move forward with the new strategic plan format, which will serve as the 2026 goals document. If adopted, the format will require the development and agreement on a Vision statement and Mission statement. Staff is confident we can work through each component during the discussion and reach agreement on content and formatting that works for everyone.

City of The Dalles
Historic Landmarks Commission
2026 Goals

Short-Term Goals (1-2 years):

1. Update Historic Ordinance and Design Standards to be clear and objective.
2. Encourage the addition of a student representative on the Historic Landmarks Commission.
3. Apply for a grant to create a Preservation Plan for The Dalles.
4. Develop a concept design for new historic building plaques and promote their fabrication and installation throughout the community.
5. Support the creation of tours of historic properties, including the Pioneer Cemetery.
6. Encourage the restoration and preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery and establish an inventory available on the City of The Dalles website.
7. Encourage the restoration of the upstairs windows of the Waldron-Gitchell Building.
8. Update historic inventories and encourage new nominations to local and national registries, including the addition of Amotan Field.
9. Research the historical significance of the “Rock House” and former railroad structures along East Second Street near Brewery Grade Overpass.

Continuous Goals:

10. Provide a historic restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors.
11. Provide landscaping, informational signage, and maintenance of the Pioneer Cemetery.
12. Encourage preservation and re-use of the Waldron-Gitchell Building.
13. Collaborate with Main Street and The Dalles Art Center on further downtown restoration project goals.
14. Make historic preservation educational and funding resources available online to assist restorers with assessment and other historic preservation needs.
15. Provide annual recognition of historic restorations at the annual goal setting meetings.
16. Provide onsite acknowledgements for notable restorations.
17. Encourage historic restoration for downtown by providing historic background research.
18. Encourage the collection and preservation of local history, including irreplaceable oral and written histories.

19. Support Historic Preservation Month, local historic preservation, and educational workshops.
20. Assist with historic plaque costs and availability.
21. Keep the Historic Walking Tour current in all formats.
22. Increase communication on all Urban Renewal and Main Street projects, vision and goals.
23. Provide optional historic and procedural commissioner trainings.
24. Support the Fort Dalles/Anderson Homestead Museum and the Vehicle Storage Display Building.
25. Support and advocate for the preservation and continued use of The Dalles High School and Colonel Wright Elementary School.
26. Encourage continued preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown.
27. Encourage preservation and continued use of Rock Fort by following the adopted Preservation and Maintenance Plan.
28. Continue to support, advocate, and preserve historic properties throughout the community.

City of The Dalles Historic Landmarks Commission 2026 Goals

Short-Term Goals (1-2 years):

1. Update Historic Ordinance and Design Standards to be clear and objective.
2. ~~Encourage the addition of~~Add a student representative on the Historic Landmarks Commission.
3. Apply for a grant to create a Preservation Plan for The Dalles. Narrow this down to exactly “where” in The Dalles. (Preservation Plan defined: “a strategic document that outlines a community’s goals, objectives, and strategies for identifying, protecting, and managing its historic and cultural resources.” (SHPO) should be consistent with Goal 5 of Comprehensive Plan)
4. Develop a concept design for new historic building plaques ~~and promote their fabrication and installation throughout the community.~~ (and promote installation)
5. Support the ~~creation of~~ tours of historic properties, including the Pioneer Cemetery.
6. Encourage the restoration and preservation of the Pioneer Cemetery ~~and establish an inventory available on the City of The Dalles website.~~ Combine this with #7
7. Encourage the restoration of the upstairs windows of the Waldron-Gitchell Building. (combine with #6)
8. Update historic inventories ~~and encourage;~~ pursue new nominations to local and national registries, including ~~the addition of~~ Amotan Field.
 - o Develop a publicly accessible online inventory
- ~~8.9.~~ 9. Research the historical significance of the “Rock House” and former railroad structures along East Second Street near Brewery Grade Overpass.

Continuous Goals:

- ~~9.10.~~ 10. Provide a historic restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors.
- ~~10.11.~~ 11. Provide landscaping, informational signage, and maintenance of the Pioneer Cemetery.
- ~~11.12.~~ 12. Encourage preservation and re-use of the Waldron-Gitchell Building.
- ~~12.13.~~ 13. Collaborate with Main Street and The Dalles Art Center on further downtown restoration project goals.
- ~~13.14.~~ 14. Make historic preservation educational and funding resources available online to assist restorers with assessment and other historic preservation needs.
- ~~14.15.~~ 15. Provide annual recognition of historic restorations at the annual goal setting meetings.
- ~~15.16.~~ 16. Provide onsite acknowledgements for notable restorations.

- ~~16.17.~~ Encourage historic restoration for downtown by providing historic background research.
- ~~17.18.~~ Encourage the collection and preservation of local history, including irreplaceable oral and written histories.
- ~~18.19.~~ Support Historic Preservation Month, local historic preservation, and educational workshops.
- ~~19.20.~~ Assist with historic plaque costs and availability.
- ~~20.21.~~ Keep the Historic Walking Tour current in all formats.
- ~~21.22.~~ Increase communication on all Urban Renewal and Main Street projects, vision and goals.
- ~~22.23.~~ Provide optional historic and procedural commissioner trainings.
- ~~23.24.~~ Support the Fort Dalles/Anderson Homestead Museum and the Vehicle Storage Display Building.
- ~~24.25.~~ Support and advocate for the preservation and continued use of The Dalles High School and Colonel Wright Elementary School.
- ~~25.26.~~ Encourage continued preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown.
- ~~26.27.~~ Encourage preservation and continued use of Rock Fort by following the adopted Preservation and Maintenance Plan.
- ~~27.28.~~ Continue to support, advocate, and preserve historic properties throughout the community.

Continuous Goals: Proposed**Combine 12, 17, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28:**

12. Encourage preservation and re-use of the Waldron-Gitchell Building.
17. Encourage historic restoration for downtown by providing historic background research.
24. Support the Fort Dalles/Anderson Homestead Museum and the Vehicle Storage Display Building.
25. Support and advocate for the preservation and continued use of The Dalles High School and Colonel Wright Elementary School.
26. Encourage continued preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown.
27. Encourage preservation and continued use of Rock Fort by following the adopted Preservation and Maintenance Plan.
28. Continue to support, advocate, and preserve historic properties throughout the community.

Single Combined Goal:

- Support, encourage, and advocate for the preservation, continued use, and appropriate restoration of significant historic properties and districts throughout the community—including downtown resources, schools, museums, culturally significant sites, and locally important landmarks—through research, guidance, and implementation of adopted preservation plans.

Or, further streamlined:**○ Preservation of Key Historic Properties & Districts**

- Encourage and support the preservation, continued use, and compatible restoration of notable historic sites and buildings—including downtown resources, the Waldron-Gitchell Building, Historic Chinatown, Rock Fort, local schools, and museum properties—through advocacy, research, and adherence to adopted preservation plans.

○ Community-Wide Historic Stewardship

- Promote preservation efforts for historic properties across the entire community, ensuring long-term stewardship, appropriate infill, and the protection of culturally significant places.

Goals 10, 14, 19, 23:

10. Provide a historic restoration workshop for local homeowners and contractors.
14. Make historic preservation educational and funding resources available online to assist restorers with assessment and other historic preservation needs.
19. Support Historic Preservation Month, local historic preservation, and educational workshops.
23. Provide optional historic and procedural commissioner trainings.

Single Combined Goal:

- Provide accessible historic preservation education, training, and resources—both in person and online—to support local homeowners, contractors, commissioners, and the broader community, including through workshops, funding and assessment tools, and participation in Historic Preservation Month.

Or, further streamlined:

- **Education & Training**

- Provide accessible historic preservation education and training for homeowners, contractors, and commissioners through workshops, online resources, and guidance on funding and assessment tools.

- **Community Outreach & Support**

- Support community engagement in historic preservation through participation in Historic Preservation Month and other local events, programs, and educational activities.

Combine 15, 16, 20:

15. Provide annual recognition of historic restorations at the annual goal setting meetings.
16. Provide onsite acknowledgements for notable restorations.
20. Assist with historic plaque costs and availability.

Single Combined Goal:

- Recognize and promote notable historic restorations through annual acknowledgements, onsite recognition, and support for historic plaque availability and costs.

Or, further streamlined:

- **Recognition of Historic Restorations**

- Provide annual and onsite recognition for notable historic restoration projects within the community.

- **Support for Historic Plaques**

- Assist property owners with access to and costs of historic plaques that acknowledge and interpret restored historic resources.

Combine 13, 22:

13. Collaborate with Main Street and The Dalles Art Center on further downtown restoration project goals.
22. Increase communication on all Urban Renewal and Main Street projects, vision and goals.

Single Combined Goal:

- Collaborate with Main Street, The Dalles Art Center, and Urban Renewal partners to strengthen communication and coordinate restoration projects, goals, and long-term downtown vision.

Or, further streamlined:

- **Collaborative Partnerships**

- Strengthen collaboration with Main Street, The Dalles Art Center, and other partners to advance shared downtown restoration goals.

- **Communication & Transparency**

- Increase communication about Urban Renewal and Main Street projects, vision, and goals to ensure clarity and community awareness.

Combine 18, 21:

18. Encourage the collection and preservation of local history, including irreplaceable oral and written histories.
21. Keep the Historic Walking Tour current in all formats.

Single Combined Goal:

- Encourage the collection and preservation of local history—including oral and written accounts—and maintain up-to-date historic interpretation resources such as the Historic Walking Tour in all formats.

Or, further streamlined:

- **Preservation of Local History**

- Encourage the collection, preservation, and safeguarding of local history, including irreplaceable oral and written histories.

- **Historic Interpretation & Public Access**

- Ensure the Historic Walking Tour remains current and accessible across all formats to support public engagement with local history.

Combine 11, 26, 27:

11. Provide landscaping, informational signage, and maintenance of the Pioneer Cemetery.
26. Encourage continued preservation and compatible infill of Historic Chinatown.
27. Encourage preservation and continued use of Rock Fort by following the adopted Preservation and Maintenance Plan.

Single Combined Goal

- Support the preservation, maintenance, and interpretation of key historic sites— including the Pioneer Cemetery, Historic Chinatown, and Rock Fort—through appropriate landscaping, signage, compatible infill, and adherence to adopted preservation and maintenance plans.

Or, further streamlined:

- **Preservation & Stewardship of Key Historic Sites**
 - Encourage ongoing preservation and continued use of significant historic places such as Historic Chinatown and Rock Fort by supporting compatible infill and following adopted preservation and maintenance plans.
- **Maintenance & Interpretation of Pioneer Cemetery**
 - Provide landscaping, informational signage, and ongoing maintenance to protect and interpret the Pioneer Cemetery.

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Vision: TBD by HLC members	
Mission: TBD by HLC members For example: To promote and honor our rich cultural history, share and enhance our historic culture and its value in Oregon, etc.	
GOAL	ACTION
Goal #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update Policies & Planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update Chapter 11.12 <i>Historic Resources</i> – specifically update design standards (with illustrations or examples) – pursue Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant from SHPO. b. Develop a comprehensive Preservation Plan for The Dalles – need to narrow this down/more focused.
Goal #2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Historic Resources & Documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update and digitize historic inventories. b. Initiate new nominations of unidentified properties to local & national registers (Amotan Field, etc.) c. Produce detailed documentation and evaluation of key historic sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Rock House” - former railroad structures ○ Rock Fort Heritage Site activation
Goal #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Site Specific Preservation efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support restoration projects at high priority historic sites, such as Pioneer Cemetery and upper windows of Waldron-Gitchell Building. b. Develop online inventory and related educational resources on city website.
Goal #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Public Engagement & Interpretation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create prototype design for new historic building plaques and promote installation. b. Support the development of guided and self-guided tours of historic properties. (this needs to be further defined) c. Addition of student representative for HLC (high school student or college? TBD)

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GOAL	ACTION
<p><u>Continuous Goals Section:</u></p> <p>The following goals are combined from previous format of original goals document that had started with number 10, from attachments A, B, C.</p>	
<p>(combined goals: 12, 17, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28)</p> <p>Goal #5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support and Promote Community-Wide Historic Preservation Efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage, and advocate for the preservation, continued use, and appropriate restoration of significant historic properties and districts throughout the community, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Downtown resources: schools, museums, culturally significant sites, and locally important landmarks. (perhaps identify sites) b. Through research, guidance, and implementation of adopted preservation plan(s).
<p>(combined goals: 10, 14, 19, 23)</p> <p>Goal #6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide accessible historic preservation education, training, and resources (in person and online) to support local homeowners, contractors, commissioners, and the broader community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Workshops b. Funding and assessment tolls (need to define this further) c. Participation in Historic Preservation Month (every May)
<p>(combined goals: 15, 16, 20)</p> <p>Goal #7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize and promote notable historic restorations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual acknowledgements b. Onsite recognition – (further define, what does this entail?) c. Support for historic plaque availability and costs

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GOAL	ACTION
<p>(combined goals: 13, 22)</p> <p>Goal #8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with Main Street, The Dalles Art Center, and Urban Renewal partners. 	<p>a. To strengthen communication and coordinate restoration projects, goals, and long-term downtown vision.</p>
<p>(combined goals: 18, 21)</p> <p>Goal #9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the collection, documentation, and long-term preservation of local history through oral histories and written records. 	<p>a. Maintain up-to-date historic interpretation resources (e.g. Historic Walking Tours – all formats)</p>
<p>(combined goals: 11, 26, 27)</p> <p>Goal #10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the preservation, maintenance, and interpretation of key historic sites, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Such as: Pioneer Cemetery, Historic Chinatown, Rock Fort, etc. 	<p>a. Seek Cemetery grant (SHPO grants)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create digital and searchable inventory ○ Design informational signage for cemetery ○ Determine current condition & existing gravesite documentation ○ Headstone rehabilitation <p>b. Pursue appropriate compatible infill development</p> <p>c. Pursue appropriate signage – define types of signs wanted</p> <p>d. Continued adherence to adopted preservation and maintenance plan(s)</p>

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Condensed Short-Term Goals (1–2 years)

1. GOAL: Update Policies & Planning

ACTIONS:

- Update Chapter 11.12 *Historic Resources* – specifically update design standards (with illustrations or examples) – pursue Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant from SHPO
 - Develop a comprehensive Preservation Plan for The Dalles – need to narrow this down/more focused.
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2. GOAL: Strengthening Historic Resources & Documentation

ACTIONS:

- Update and digitize historic inventories (pursue Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant from SHPO)
 - Initiate new nominations of unidentified properties to local & national registers (Anotan Field, etc.)
 - Produce detailed documentation and evaluation of key historic sites
 - a) Rock Fort Heritage Site activation
 - b) Rock House former railroad structures
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3. GOAL: Improve Site Specific Preservation Efforts

ACTIONS

- Support restoration projects at high-priority historic sites, such as Pioneer Cemetery and upper windows of Waldron-Gitchell Building.
 - Develop online inventory and related educational resources on the City’s website.
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4. GOAL: Expand Public Engagement & Interpretation

ACTIONS:

- Create prototype design for new historic building plaques and promote installation
 - Support the development of guided and self-guided tours of historic properties. (this needs to be further defined)
 - Addition of student representative for HLC (high school student or college? TBD)
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Continuous Goals Section

(combined from Attachment A *Continuous Goals*: 12, 17, 25, 26, 27, 28, 24):

5. GOAL: Support and Promote Community-Wide Historic Preservation Efforts.

ACTION:

- Encourage, and advocate for the preservation, continued use, and appropriate restoration of significant historic properties and districts throughout the community. To include:
 - Downtown resources: schools, museums, culturally significant sites, and locally important landmarks.
 - Through research, guidance, and implementation of adopted preservation plans.
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(combined goals: 10, 14, 19, 23):

6. GOAL: Provide accessible historic preservation education, training, and resources (in person and online) to support local homeowners, contractors, commissioners, and the broader community.

ACTION:

- Workshops
 - funding and assessment tolls
 - participation in Historic Preservation Month.
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(combined goals: 15, 16, 20):

7. GOAL: Recognize and promote notable historic restorations.

ACTION:

- Annual acknowledgements
 - Onsite recognition – what does this look like?
 - support for historic plaque availability and costs
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(combined goals: 13, 22):

8. GOAL: Collaborate with Main Street, The Dalles Art Center, and Urban Renewal partners.

ACTION:

- To strengthen communication and coordinate restoration projects, goals, and long-term downtown vision.
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(combined goals: 18, 21):

9. GOAL: Encourage the collection and preservation of local history (including oral and written accounts).

ACTION:

- Maintain up-to-date historic interpretation resources (e.g. Historic Walking Tours – all formats)

(combined goals: 11, 26, 27):

10. GOAL: Support the preservation, maintenance, and interpretation of key historic sites. (i.e. Pioneer Cemetery, Historic Chinatown, and Rock Fort, etc.)

ACTION:

- Seek cemetery grant (SHPO grants)
- Pursue appropriate compatible infill development
- Pursue appropriate signage – define type of signage sought
- Headstone rehabilitation

Continued adherence to adopted preservation and maintenance plans.
