



## 2025 Community Advisory Group Annual Report

### Advisory Group Name

Historic Review Board (HRB)

### Group Leadership

Kirsten Solberg, Chair

John Steele, Vice Chair

### Meeting Times, Dates & Location –

Second Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm in the Bolton Room of City Hall.

In 2025, the HRB met six (6) times.

The HRB failed to make quorum twice (2).

Four (4) meetings were canceled.

### 2025 Accomplishments

In February, the HRB completed a historic design review for proposed solar panels on a home within the Willamette National Historic District. They also submitted comments on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Willamette Locks Historic Properties Management Manual and the Willamette Falls Locks StoryMap and recommended the Historic Survey of the Robinwood Neighborhood to the City Council for the Certified Local Government grant program.

In March, the HRB completed a historic design review for proposed changes to Historic City Hall.

In April, the HRB received training on the Certified Local Government program, including its roles and responsibilities, and toured Historic City Hall to view its renovation.

The HRB received updates on the West Linn Waterfront Project and Vision43 and commented on the CDC Code Clean-up amendments (CDC-25-01).

In December, the HRB reviewed and commented on the draft Historic Survey of the Robinwood Neighborhood.

### 2025 Challenges

The HRB did not meet quorum on two occasions.

### 2026 Community Advisory Group Workplans and Council Priorities

*All community advisory groups were provided a [workplan](#) from Council in 2025, incorporating [Council's 2025-27 Priorities](#). Please provide a brief update on your workplan items and clearly note any new priorities your group has discovered that may require an amendment to the workplan.*

Due to lack of quorums, the HRB reviewed its workplan at its December meeting. The following priorities are identified as priorities in the 2025-2027 HRB Work Plan:

1. Review Historic Land Use Applications Evaluate historic land use planning applications as needed, in accordance with Chapters 25 and 58 of the West Linn Community Development Code.

***No historic design reviews are currently in the City's development review process.***

2. Fulfill Duties of a Historic Landmarks Commission as required by the City's 2007 Certified Local Government including providing meaningful public participation for all nominations to the National Register of Historic Places originating within the City and making recommendations to the Oregon State Advisory Committee on Historic Preservation.

***No nominations for the National Register are currently in the City's development review process.***

3. Guide and review the Historic Home Evaluation of the Robinwood Neighborhood.

***HRB reviewed the draft report at its December 2026 meeting. Project completed in December 2025.***

4. Provide support for documenting the West Linn Paper Mill history by assisting organizations and stakeholders to collect historical information, records, and photographs.

***No activity on this priority.***

5. Identify Historic Preservation Projects and Grant Opportunities Identify potential historic preservation projects and relevant grant opportunities for consideration by the City Council.

***The HRB provided a recommendation to the City Council on a CLG grant opportunity early 2025.***

6. Advise on Wayfinding and Branding Initiatives Provide recommendations to the City Council on the City's wayfinding and branding initiative, with a focus on enhancing connections between historic landmarks and integrating local historic narratives.

***This project is not moving forward as a priority right now.***

7. Support Waterfront and Vision43 Planning Efforts

***The HRB received updates on these projects in 2025.***

8. Work to improve diversity, equity, inclusivity and belonging in the community and consider recommendations and actions through an equity lens.

***No specific activity has been identified.***

**Any additional feedback to share with the City Council?**

*Please include any additional information you would like the City Council to be aware of as they review your group's report.*

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