

CLARK COUNTY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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Vancouver, Wash. – Clark County is seeking applicants for two seats on the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission. The three-year terms will begin on July 1, 2024. The seats will be appointed by the county council.

The seven-member volunteer commission is responsible for:

- Reviewing nominations to the National Register of Historic Places
- Reviewing nominations and designating properties to the Clark County Heritage Register
- Conducting design review for changes to buildings and sites on the local register
- Reviewing and deciding applications for the Special Valuation Tax Incentive for historic properties
- Overseeing education and outreach.

The commission typically meets at 6 pm the first Wednesday of each month at the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St. Meetings are currently conducted in a hybrid format via Webex and in person.

The county is looking for people who can bring:

- Interest, experience, or knowledge in history; historic preservation, rehabilitation or restoration; architecture or related disciplines such as planning, American studies or cultural anthropology, archaeology, or geography
- Ethnic, cultural, social, and geographic diversity to the group; and
- Outstanding strategic communication and public speaking skills and experience meeting with a wide range of individuals and organizations

All applicants must be available for an interview with a committee of current Historic Preservation Commissioners. A follow-up interview with the county council may be required.

To apply, submit a letter of interest and résumé to Michelle Pfenning, County Manager's Office, PO Box 5000, Vancouver, WA 98666-5000 or michelle.pfenning@clark.wa.gov.

The application deadline is 5 pm Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

For more information about the commission and the Historic Preservation program, please visit www.clark.wa.gov/planning/historic.

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