

Preservation News

The Newsletter of Historic Seattle

Advocacy In Action!

DURING LAST YEAR'S SPRING ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN, WE PROMISED TO DO MORE to fight for meaningful places in our city. You stepped up to make that possible, collectively giving more than \$30,000 to enable our work.

Because of your generosity, we were able to keep that promise. From helping guide grassroots groups like Save the Roy Vue, to pushing for protections for new landmarks like Capitol Hill's Sullivan House, to working with the community to save the Beacon Hill Garden House, each time a new issue arose we were able to step up. You helped us make a difference.

The clearest example of your impact came when The Showbox was suddenly threatened. You enabled us to act immediately to commission a landmark nomination, submitted in just 10 days. We were also able to step forward to lead a coalition of advocates across the city to push for additional protections.

None of this work happens overnight – we compare it to running a marathon. We are still fighting for The Showbox, still speaking out on behalf of the Garden House, and still serving as a resource for people across Seattle who need help when their favorite places fall under threat.

As we continue to lead in efforts to save meaningful places that foster lively communities, we renew our promise to you. We saw last year just how powerful thousands of voices can be. We will call on you, starting now and continuing throughout the year, to lend your voice and support to help us protect more places in our city.



| Pictured from top header image: advocates celebrating Capitol Hill's Roy Vue Apartments landmark nomination at City Hall last October, an August 2018 press conference at The Showbox, and community groups and advocates showing love for Bush Garden in the Chinatown-International District in February 2019 at Historic Seattle's 5th annual HeartBomb.

In Kji's Eyes | A Note from Executive Director Kji Kelly

WHEN A BELOVED PLACE IS THREATENED, it's only natural that we want to fight to save it. We spring into action, pushing back in every way we can. From Keep the Market to Save The Showbox, citizen advocates have worked to protect the places that matter to us all for decades.



To be honest, though, I've found myself a little tired of what feels like a constant game of whack-a-mole. Just as we celebrate saving one important place, another becomes threatened by development or demolition. We can't treat Seattle like it's a low-stakes carnival game.

This sentiment lies at the heart of Historic Seattle's new five-year strategic plan. Throughout 2018, we worked with our community and our leadership to discuss the challenges preservation faces in our city and to identify a better path forward. We released the plan a few months ago and have been hard at work to put it into practice ever since.

With our spring advocacy campaign now underway, I want to tell you a little bit more about one of the goals contained in the plan: to strengthen the preservation toolkit. For decades, we have worked to provide technical support to grassroots groups and to advocate for landmarking places that matter.

We will now work to build upon those efforts by developing tools to empower others to advocate for preservation, including those traditionally underserved by or excluded from preservation efforts. We'll also focus on creating opportunities for collaboration on advocacy issues, serving as a preservation resource for local government, and identifying and proposing policy solutions for preservation challenges.

Years ago, Knute Berger wrote for *Crosscut*, "...Seattle is not a thing to be saved, but a living being to be cared for." For the next five years, Historic Seattle is dedicated to strategically caring for our city, place by place when needed, but now policy by policy as well. We'll need you on our team every step of the way.

I give. You give. We give, together.

Nominate Your Favorite



FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, Historic Seattle has recognized preservation victories and efforts with annual awards. This year, we are accepting nominations through May 1 for Best Preservation Project, Preservation Champion, Community Investment, Preserving Neighborhood Character, and Community Advocacy awards. In addition, our annual gala will now rotate around the city each year. We'll also consider nominations for Best in Neighborhood, with this year's location being Georgetown. Visit our website to learn more and submit your nomination.

GiveBIG 2019

THANKS TO THE HARD WORK and dedication of a community-wide nonprofit coalition, 501 Commons, and Encore Media Group, GiveBIG lives on as our city's annual giving day. On May 8, please remember Historic Seattle as you make your GiveBIG contributions. **We need to raise \$35,000 between this day of community giving and our spring campaign to support our 2019 advocacy work. Your generosity is key!**



MAY 8

Play for Preservation!

WANT TO CELEBRATE PRESERVATION MONTH? On May 7, local lore legend Knute Berger will host trivia at McMenamins Six Arms for Historic Seattle's Friends & Family Night! McMenamins will donate 50% of the night's profits to support our work to save meaningful places that foster lively communities. Last year's event brought in \$1,750, and we challenge you to help us beat that this year. Come test your knowledge of area history, compete to win prizes, and enjoy a drink (or two - it's for a good cause after all)!

Tuesday, May 7 | McMenamins Six Arms | 300 E Pike St | 5 to 9 PM, trivia at 6:30

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 4 | Preservation Learning Lab: Historic Window Restoration Workshop |
| May 18 | NEW! Bike Ride/Tour in Celebration of Preservation Month & Bike Month |
| May 21 | Spring Members Meeting: University Masonic Lodge |
| June 8 | There Goes the Gayborhood! Panel Discussion |

Visit our website for more details and to register!

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