

MINUTES

MASOON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, January 8, 2008

Mason County Building III

Members Present: Chair, Stan Graham, Elizabeth Jahnke, Valerie Johnson, Frank Benavente and Mo MacCracken.

Absent: Don Hall and Llyn DeDanaan.

Staff: Kell McAboy, Land Use Planner
Kathleen Soine, Clerk

I. Call to Order: Chair, Stan Graham called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

Roll Call: All present with the exception of Don Hall and Llyn DeDanaan who was out of town.

Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2008: A motion was made by Frank Benavente to accept the minutes as mailed. It was seconded by Mo MacCracken. Motion unanimously passed.

II. New Business: Election of Officers: Stan and Elizabeth agreed to continue for another term. Valerie made the motion to accept the slate of existing officers. Frank seconded the motion. Carried.

Discussion: Stan requested a new Board/Staff roster. Kathleen will Provide that at the February meeting, also to include appointment dates for the Commission members.

Someone asked if Mo MacCracken had received a welcome letter from the Commission? It was overlooked, but Kell will take care of it.

2008 Certified Local Government Annual Report and Review: Kell distributed the annual report that she had submitted to the State. Stan thanked Kell for her good job. There was discussion on the possibility of the Commission giving a grant. Members will bring suggestions of criteria and sites at the next meeting.

III. Old Business: Selection of Consultant for Grant: Stan said that he called the two Consulting groups that were decided on at the December meeting. He said that they were both very good, but he finally decided on the Andrews group. Kell said that the State was very happy with the Commission's choice. She also said that she had sent letter's letting the other applicants know of the decision. She will touch base with the Andrew's Group this coming week.

Design of the Mason County Historical Register Certificates:
Kell is still working on it.

New Applicant: Sunset Farm. No one was able to get out to the site because of weather. Stan did say that the application looked very good. Kell said that we would conference call the owners, Keith and Ann Kelly in Arizona. The Commission could ask the Kelly's their questions. The call was placed and all were introduced. Stan was concerned about the heating source in the house. He wondered from the pictures if the chimney had been replaced. The Kelly's said that it had, twice. The architect could not determine when it was installed. It was found to be unsafe. A new fireplace was installed in 2008. They also added a furnace in the basement. They said that the house was raised to add a new cement foundation and that there was no expansion on the house. They did restore the exterior and restored an upstairs porch. Mo Asked if there were anyone living in the house so as not to concern anyone if the Commission were to visit the site. She said no, possibly their kids from Seattle on some weekends, but we were welcomed to visit. They will be here from Arizona around March 5th until the 15th. Frank suggested that we try to coincide the hearing with their visit. The Commission will be in touch in February to confirm. Mo said that she would ask the Master Gardner's if they would visit to identify old trees and plants. Kell will check on possible dates. Stan said that he had no concerns about the application.

Budget: Kell spoke with Ione Siegler, Mason County Budget Director about the Preservation budget. Kell said that we need to work with MRSC. She's still working on it.

Website: Still looks good. Kell said we could use ideas.

IV. Old Business Other Discussion:

The missing box was talked about. Elizabeth had sorted by year, date order. Kell said that she would look at it to determine what was missing.

Llyn will discuss the North Fork Historic District at the next Meeting.

V. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on February 12th at 11 a.m. in the downstairs conference room in Building III.

VI. Adjournment: a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Soine, Clerk,