

## MINUTES

### MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION Thursday, December 10, 2009 Mason County Building I, Conference Room 1

#### Members Present

Elizabeth Jahnke –Co-Chair, Val Johnson, Frank Benavente and Kristina Trebil

#### Members with Excused Absence

Llyn De Danaan

Mo MacCracken

Stan Graham

#### Staff

Michael MacSems

#### Guests

Marty and Ernie Harrell and Connie Hawe representing Grant School

Mildred Andrews, consultant for the Hwy 101 Corridor Project

#### I. Call to Order

Co-Chair, Elizabeth Jahnke called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.

Approval of Minutes from November, 2009. With three minor corrections the minutes were approved. Michael will forward the changed minutes to the website.

#### II. New Business

Grant School Application. Presentation of Grant School application for placement on Mason County Historic Register was discussed, voted upon and accepted by the Commission. Mr. MacSems will forward the application to the Board of County Commissioners for their approval and formal adoption into the Historic Register. The Harrells and Ms. Hawe were commended on a job well done. Question regarding funding for future improvements will be directed to Stan Graham upon his return.

#### III. Old Business

Context Statement regarding the Hwy 101 Corridor Project. Mildred Andrews presented the completed Context Statement and list of 51 properties. Copies of the Context Statement, list of 51 properties and the document created by Val Johnson with photos of the properties were distributed. We reviewed the latter portion of the Context Statement and discussed possible future work that can be done, including: expanding the reconnaissance survey to include more properties along the highway 101 corridor, having an Intensive level survey on the currently identified 51 properties done, address the possibility of Finch Creek area as a historic district, and identify which properties might be suitable for nomination to the National Registry. After some discussion it was determined that we need to have a listing of all properties located within Mason County that have already been placed on the National and State registry. Val Johnson volunteered to research and put together the list to be distributed to current as well as incoming Commissioners and Staff. Ms. Andrews recommended the following five

properties for National Registry consideration: Kennedy Creek Bridge, ClarMel Inn, Liliwaup School (now Community Club), Robbinswold, and Camp Hama Hama. Ms. Andrews also recommended we create a list of criteria for homeowners to refer to regarding incentives for placement in the Historic Registry. We are asked to review the Context Statement and to please inform Mildred with any needed changes or corrections. The Context Statement and List of 51 properties will be sent electronically to Commissioners absent from today's meeting so that we can finalize the project at the January 2010 meeting. Ms. Andrews said that as part of her process we need to schedule a public event to announce the completion of the project. We considered holding the event in conjunction with the 5th Anniversary Celebration of the HPC in June. Mr. MacSems reported that our State grant has been extended to August 2010, so this will allow us more time to complete the project and announce it to the public. Topic will be continued at the January meeting.

Letter to 51 property owners. We discussed communicating with the 51 (where applicable) property owners via a letter introducing the project and soliciting assistance. Elizabeth received several sample letters from area counties and will work to craft a letter that we can send to property owners. We will continue this subject at the January meeting. Thanks to Kristina for researching and creating the detailed address list.

Budget update. Frank Benavente reported on having had a successful meeting with Michael MacSems and Kathy Nelson (bookkeeper for DCD), and that the percentage amounts we previously decided upon only apply to the current year's budget (about \$22,000 annually). The balance in our budget is not subject to the percentage breakdown and can be used for projects. One line item regarding interns may need to go into a different category so that we aren't showing salary in the grant section.

Reappointment update. Michael reported that Lynn's reappointment application has been read to the Board of County Commissioners, a news release was issued on Tuesday, December 8, and the closing date for new applicants is December 29, 2009.

#### IV. Good of the Group.

Kristina Trebil informed the group that this is her last meeting, as she and her husband are moving out of Mason County. She will send a letter of resignation to the Commission, but would like to continue as a volunteer once she has relocated to Tumwater. The Commissioners thanked her for her most valuable service and wished her well. Mr. Mac Sems will create another press release announcing her position to the public and we will entertain applications at the January meeting.

Elizabeth will forward all continued items to Michael for inclusion in the January agenda.

#### VI. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be January 14, 2010 in the Bldg. 1 Conference Room.

#### VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Valerie Johnson, substitute note-taker