

MINUTES

MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, April 9, 2009

Mason County Building III

Members Present: Chair, Stan Graham, Valerie Johnson, Frank Benavente, Mo MacCracken, Llyn DeDanaan, Kris Miller of the Skokomish Tribe and Tracy Moore, Executive Director of the McReavy House Museum Foundation.

Absent: Elizabeth Jahnke, Excused

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.

Approval of Minutes from January 8, 2009: A motion was Made by Frank Benavente to accept the minutes as mailed. It was seconded by Mo MacCracken.

II. New Business: Grant Award Parameters: The parameter requirements were discussed. Val gave an Home Improvement Club as an example of how to set it up. Various items to include were discussed such as requiring an O&M, how much contribution applicants would give, how much we would donated, criteria for applying, and specifics to be identified in making application. Llyn asked if she could meet with the Squaxin representative. They wanted to meet with us to share their experience in the matter. Kris Miller said that she would check with the Skokomish to see if they have anything to contribute. Stan said that we needed an application and a couple of people to work on it. Val suggested that we use the ordinance to make a checklist. Stan asked for volunteers. Val and Llyn agreed to do it by email.

Budget: Kell said that she wasn't certain of the balance, but somewhere around \$75,000. She will need to get with Ione Sigler for an exact balance and what amount was coming in annually. Frank said that we needed to identify the exact amount to be allocated each year for grants and what type of items we would approve or not approve. He also mentioned reimbursement to the County for staff time. Kell had looked into it and reported that there was nothing preventing the Commission in doing that. This will be looked on the June agenda.

Logo: Llyn asked about a sign designer. It was moved to ask for a designer to give us a sample/mock design. Stan said that he thought that we needed to get bids.

Geocaching: Llyn proposed that we speak to other's to find how they did it and develop a program to go along with it. She thought, however that we should wait until after the survey is done. It was decided to table the issue for now.

Don Hall: Commission has expired. There were two new applicants. John Komen and Kristina Trebil. Kell will call both applicants for a phone interview to determine if either one would have a problem with daytime meetings and to get a feel for which one we could recommend to the Board of County Commissioners.

Survey: Stan reported that he has met with Mildred Andrews the past two weeks. He said that they were at 50 properties and counting. Llyn made a motion and it was seconded by Valarie to compensate Stan for gas.

III. Old Business: Frank asked that we go back to a Monday meeting. He said that he will have an on going conflict with our Thursday meeting time. A motion was made to change out time from 11 am to 2 pm on the same Thursday. It was seconded. Kell will send an email out regarding the change.

Stan reported that he would like to set the Public Hearing for the Sunset Farm application. It will be the 14th of May. Kell reminded the Commission that we needed a quorum.

Llyn reported on the Waldrip house on Oyster Bay. She said That the house is being refurbished. She would ask if they would like to be on the register. She said the small cabins are gone. It's a very historic site.

Llyn reported that there were 64 bodies found buried on the Oakland Bay site and they were respectively moved to Skookum Ridge. She said that there was a very beautiful ceremony and that it was a very beautiful site.

Stan reported that Mildred thought that Hoodsport should be on the registry as well.

IV. Budget: Kell asked for budget amounts. She said she would draft an Excel spreadsheet. We will look at it at the June meeting.

V. Good of the Group: Tracy Moore, Executive Director of the McReavy House Museum Foundation asked our support on a couple of issues. First for creating the historic district. They would like more input.

Secondly, they would ask for our support in asking the County Commissioner's to explore other options for the Catholic Church other than removal. She said that there were several offers to purchase the church. Stan thought that we couldn't get involved. Frank said that he thought we could unofficially state an opinion. We need more information. The church is slated for demolition in July. Llyn moved that we would go on record as supporting their efforts. Frank seconded the motion.

VI. Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on May 14, At 2 pm in the upstairs conference room in Building III.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Soine, Clerk