

MINUTES

MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, June 11, 2009

Mason County Building I, Conference Room 1

Members Present

Stan Graham - Chair, Frank Benavente, Elizabeth Jahnke, Val Johnson, Mo MacCracken, and Kristina Trebil.

Members with Excused Absence

Llyn De Danaan

Staff

Kell McAboy, Land Use Planner and Kathleen Soine, Clerk

Guests

Mildred Andrews and Julie Koler, consultants for the Hwy 101 Corridor project.

I. Call to Order

Chair, Stan Graham called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes from May 14, 2009: The minutes were approved unanimously with no amendments.

II. New Business

Oakland Bay County Park: The Commission reviewed the Historic Register application as submitted by John Keates, Mason County Parks Director for the Oakland Bay County Park. The Commission noted that there was a lack of information within the application and Stan commented that there should be a description of any restrictions that may be associated with the property and/or building. Julie Koler, contract consultant and guest, volunteered to find a professional who would be interested in drafting the application pro bono.

III. Old Business

Hwy 101 Corridor Project: Mildred Andrews, Andrews History Group and Jane Koler, subcontractor, introduced themselves to the commission. Mildred reported on the work that has been done to date. She indicated that she has discovered about 25 to 30 properties/structures in Hoodspout alone and around 100 overall. There was discussion about focusing on either the north half of the county or the south half and then revisiting the other portion during Phase II. However it was decided to continue the project as outlined in the grant parameters and to select the top 50 properties throughout the corridor. Mildred pointed out that much of Highway 101 runs along Hood Canal, and many of the properties cannot be viewed from the highway. Julie noted that her work on Vashon Island has included inventorying properties from the waterfront in order to

observe the physical integrity of the structures. The commission discussed the option of renting a boat for the next regularly scheduled commission meeting and conducting an inventory with the consultant from Union north to the county line. Mo MacCracken made a motion to expend historic preservation funds for boat rental at the July 9, 2009 HPC meeting. Elizabeth Jahnke seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Elizabeth volunteered to set up the boat rental. Kell volunteered to arrange to borrow the GPS unit from the County GIS department and obtain training.

Julie recommended that the commission hold a special meeting between now and the next meeting for training on selecting historic properties and observing the physical integrity of structures. She volunteered to give the training. Val made a motion to meet Monday, June 22, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the county offices. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Kell will schedule the meeting space and send an email to the commission for confirmation.

Grant Award Parameters: Kell handed out a packet of examples from other cities and counties in Washington State on how they are awarding their historic preservation funds. Kristina and Val discussed the status of the commission's own application. This subject will be discussed more thoroughly at the August meeting after the members have a chance to review the examples. The July meeting will focus directly on the Hwy 101 Corridor Project.

V. Good of the Group

Minutes: Kell informed the commission that due to budget cuts and staff reductions within the Department of Community Development, the commission will no longer have Kathy Soine to clerk and take the minutes. Elizabeth volunteered to take the minutes, Val volunteered to be back up and Stan volunteered to be back up in the absence of both Elizabeth and Val. Kristina made a motion to accept the volunteer minute takers, Mo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be July 9, 2009 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. on Hood Canal/Union.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kell McAboy, Land Use Planner