

MINUTES

MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, August 13, 2009

Mason County Building I, Conference Room 1

Members Present

Stan Graham – Chair, Elizabeth Jahnke –Co-Chair, Val Johnson, and Kristina Trebil

Members with Excused Absence

Llyn De Danaan

Mo MacCracken

Frank Benavente

Staff

Kell McAboy, Land Use Planner

Guest

Mildred Andrews, consultant for the Hwy 101 Corridor Project

I. Call to Order

Chair, Stan Graham called the meeting to order at 2:10pm

Approval of Minutes from July 9, 2009...No minutes as that was the date of the Hood Canal boat tour of 101 properties from the water.

II. New Business

Preservation conference as suggested thru email from Llyn De Danaan. Cultural Resource Planning Summit will be held September 29/30 at Poulsbo.

Motion to send Llyn De Danaan and Kristina Trebil. Motion passed unanimously.

Commission will pay for registration and the two participants will be re-imbursed for one night's lodging and mileage.

Kell McAboy reported that the MCHPC fund has changed to the jurisdiction of the county Department of Community Development. Kell will check on how much money typically comes into the fund in order for the Commission to plan for the funds use.

The "Certification of Approval for Special Valuation on Historic Property" for Sunset Farm was discussed. The owners of Sunset Farm established that the property renovations totaled \$322,461.94. The new assessed value is \$140,665.00. M.C. Ordinance Title 17.40 was consulted per request of Stan Graham to ascertain the number of years that the tax break will be in force. Ordinance cites ten (10) years. It was moved and seconded and passed unanimously that Chair, Stan Graham would sign the Special Valuation form.

III. Old Business

Context Statement regarding the Hwy 101 Corridor Project. Statements were sent out via email and comments were solicited. Both Val Johnson and Elizabeth Jahnke had

suggestions and comments and copies were made and provided to Mildred Andrews. She will make required corrections. Discussion ensued regarding the project. Ms Andrews passed out a listing of the fifty (50) properties, which was discussed briefly. Kristina volunteered to connect the photos of the properties with the list. Elizabeth asked if the members all received the copies of the photos she took during the boat trip. Kell had forgotten to email to all, but said that she will email everyone those photos. Some of those photos may be used for the properties list.

It was decided that the next meeting will be on September 17 instead of the 10 (due to anticipated absences) so that the Commission can review the properties and Context Statement.

Kell will provide a projector for the next meeting so that the Commission can view the properties in an effective manner.

Mason County Grant Award. Kristina Trebil worked on the application materials to update and clarify. Ms Trebil emailed the Commission her suggestions and we were asked to proof and be prepared to make suggestions. Much discussion was held about the wording and the purpose. Ms Trebil will re-draft and email the changes to the Commission members.

IV. Good of the Group.

Kell shared that her position will most likely be cut due to the on-going budget issues faced by the county. The Commission voiced their dismay of this news and it was felt by those present, that the Commission has made great progress since Kell "came on board". Some of the Commissioners will write letters of protest and encourage that the county retain her. The County Commissioner's will hold a planning meeting on September 1, 2009 to make decisions on further cuts for the county.

VI. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be September 17, 2009, which will be in place of the regularly scheduled meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jahnke, Co-Chair and Note Taker!