

MINUTES

MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

Mason County Building I, Conference Room 1

Members Present

Stan Graham-Chair; Elizabeth Jahnke- Co-Chair; Kristina Trebil; Ilyn de Danaan; Mo MacCracken; Frank Benavente

Members with Excused Absence

Val Johnson

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 2:10 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes from the August 13, 2009 Meeting....No corrections; Motion by Mo MacCracken, seconded by Kristina Trebil.

II. New Business

Llyn De Danaan reported on her on-going project regarding Japanese families on Oyster Bay. She is working toward a multi-media website to connect subjects relating to the Oyster Bay community. One of half of Oyster Bay is in Mason County and the other half is in Thurston County.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of linking the information to the Mason Co. website.

Ms De Danaan will keep the Commission posted as she works on this project.

Oyster Fest: It was decided by the Commission not to participate in this year's Oyster Fest which is Oct 3/4. Commission will think of other activities that would be more useful in getting our message out about what we do. Participation in Matlock Days was one suggestion.

Grant School: Mr Graham reported that the volunteers of Grant School are still working on the application and seem to be hampered by lack of computer skills. Discussion on the place of the Commission in this endeavor was held with the Commission agreeing that it is acceptable to help with questions, but we cannot write the application. It was agreed that it would be a conflict of interest for the Commission to be involved at that level.

III. Old Business

Budget: Ms McAboy updated the Commission regarding the county budget and so far, she is still employed. It was felt that the letters that some of the Commission members wrote in support of retaining Ms McAboy may have helped in the decision making process.

Ms McAboy reported that as part of Community Development, the Commission has \$77,548.48 in its current budget. Approximately \$20,000.00 per year comes in from various county fees. Ms McAboy advised that the Commission needs to spend the money.

It was suggested that we need to decide what will be allocated per year and for what purposes. The Commission held this discussion one year ago and Ms McAboy will research what those decisions were and bring forward to the next meeting. It was suggested that the HPC put a press release in January 2010 regarding the budget and information for the public to be involved.....???

Grant Application: Commission reviewed application form for grants. It was agreed that Ms Trebil did an excellent job in re-writing the application to make clarify the process.

Mr Benavente suggested that the scope needs to be broader. Mr Graham pointed out that we need to clarify that both organizations and individuals may use the application.

Conference: Ms Trebil and Ms De Danaan will attend a conference next week called????..... in Poulsbo????.

Letter of Thanks: It was suggested that the HPC write a letter of thanks to Cindy Sund, who not only captained the boat for our Hood Canal Tour, but gave the HPC a lot of valuable historical background to many of the areas that we saw during the boat ride.

Archival Training: Mr Graham will send the Commission members an email about a half day workshop that he would like to attend?????

Highway 101 Project: Mildred Andrews reported on the difficulties in getting information regarding certain properties. She handed out descriptions with pictures of the properties and the Commission chose 50.?????.....email discussion????

It was moved and seconded that property designated as #29 The George Adams Fish Hatchery should be on our list of 50. Ms De Danaan will talk to the state at the conference about the possibility of including the fish hatchery.

Kel-After I left the meeting, Stan made this note "Stan to let members know which ones I'm dropping and why" Nothing else.....no "meeting adjourned" or the time!!!!