

MINUTES

MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, January 14, 2010

Mason County Building I, Conference Room 1

Members Present:

Stan Graham, Chair; Elizabeth Jahnke, Vice-Chair, Val Johnson, Frank Benavente, Llyn De Danaan, and Mo MacCracken

Staff:

Michael MacSems

Volunteer:

Kritina Trebil

Guests:

Ross Gallagher, Mason County Commissioner

Mildred Andrews, consultant for the Hwy 101 Corridor Project

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Stanley Graham, Chair, at 2:00 p.m.

II. New Business

Welcome: County Commissioner was welcomed to the meeting.

Member Status: Kristina Trebil has moved out of county, so will not be on the MCHPC, but would like to continue to participate by volunteering on the Commission.

Report: Elizabeth Jahnke reported on her attendance at a city council hearing regarding designation of a Shelton Historic District. Ms Jahnke made a brief statement during the hearing as a representative of the MCHPC in saying that the Commission supported the proposal.

Nomination Suggestion: Llyn De Danaan proposed to nominate the Squaxin Cultural Resource Division for SHPO award for outstanding achievement in historical preservation for their work on the delicate and proper handling of the native and settlers graves from the Oakland Bay Cemetery. MCHPC moved and seconded that this nomination be made with Ms De Danaan volunteering to write up the nomination and will invite a Squaxin Tribe representative to participate.

Officers: It was moved and seconded that Stanley Graham would remain as Chair of the MCHPC and that Elizabeth Jahnke would remain as Vice-Chair for 2010.

III. Old Business

5th Birthday Celebration Planning: Led by Ms De Danaan.

The celebration will comprise of 1 day to be determined for the month of May.

Ms MacCracken volunteered to contact the Civic Center to check on cost of rent for that facility for the day.

Suggestions were made to invite colleagues such as local historic societies, the tribes, Allyn Church, McReavy House, Grant School and other interested parties.

Mr. Graham volunteered to research ideas for workshops and make contact with organizations or individuals to check on interest.

Ms Johnson volunteered to work on publicity for the event.

Ms Johnson also volunteered to draft an invitation letter with the date of the event.

Mr. Benavente volunteered to follow up with phone calls to those invited to answer any questions.

Ms De Danaan volunteered to present the opening remarks and make presentations, awards, etc. It was decided that the Commission would introduce the 51 Properties from the Hwy 101 Project and Ms Andrews will attend to present the power point on the properties. Mr. Gallagher said that the County Commissioner would prepare a press release regarding the celebration. It was decided that cake and beverages would be served.

Hwy 101 Project:

Mildred Andrews was present to update the Commission on the project, which is nearing completion. She reported that she has the files ready to export to SHPO database and that she will put that information on CDs, too. She is having trouble with her computer, so things were slowed down a bit. She will email the Context Statement and the Survey Reports (meshed with the digital photos of the properties) to the Commission with corrections made by the Commission at a previous meeting.

Set Public Hearing: (no decision made)

Sample Letter: Ms Jahnke has copies of the property owners sample letter that she prepared using ideas from other entities. Commission members reviewed and made suggestions for changes. Ms Jahnke will make the changes and email sample to members.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

Reappointing Ms De Danaan:

Ms De Danaan's seat expired in November 2009. The Commission is working on getting her reappointed. Second Open Seat: Ms Trebil's move opened another seat. Mr. MacSems reported that he has some applications, but will need to advertise the open seat.

Grant School Application Status:

Mr. MacSems reported that the application would be on the January 26 County Commissioners Consent Agenda. It is believed that Grant School will be approved for inclusion on the Mason County Historic Register.

Joint Meeting with Shelton Historic Preservation Board

Mr. Graham will set up a joint meeting with the Shelton HPB. The meeting may take place during their next meeting on Feb. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Graham will let members know via email, if this meeting is set up. It is understood that not everyone will be able to attend.

Ms Jahnke's employment status:

Ms Jahnke reported that as a state employee, her job has been eliminated and she may end up working in Seattle. She would like to remain on the Commission as she will still be a resident of the county. She will contact fellow members after she finds out on Jan. 25 what her option is for work. This led into a discussion of updating the Commission's By-Laws to include a provision for ex-officio members. The ex-officio(s) would be beyond the two (2) tribal members. It was moved and 2nd to review and perhaps amend the By-Laws.

Other Discussion:

Ms De Danaan suggested that the Commission tours the Minegishi Property on Oakland Bay and encourage the process for inclusion on the county register.

Mr. MacSems asked the Commission about the application for the McDonald Farm, which was submitted in May 2009. The Commission needed more information from John Keats regarding the application and is still waiting for re-submittal of the application.

Mr. MacSems asked some general housekeeping questions regarding MCHPC mail and suggested that the Commission would want to review the budget.

V. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date will be February 11, 2010 at 2pm in Bldg. 1 Conference Rm.

VI. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 3:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Jahnke, note-taker