

MINUTES
MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, October 14, 2010
Mason County Building I, Conference Room

Members Present: Stanley Graham, Chair; Elizabeth Jahnke, Co-Chair; Dr. Llyn De Danaan and Valerie Johnson

Members Excused: Rick Calvin.

Members Absent: Frank Benavente

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Graham, Chair, at 2:05pm. Reviewed, corrected and approved the Minutes from the September 9, 2010 Meeting.

II. New Business

Commission members discussed what “aquatic” means for the purpose of a new survey (see Sept. 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes). The consensus was that “aquatic” is all maritime routes used in the county including the ports of call. Discussed that identifying these areas would be fairly easy and quick to do.

Commission also discussed the priorities for “highway surveys”. Following is the list of the areas that Commission would like to see in future surveys:

1. Hwy 3 up to Belfair and Hwy 302 through Victor
2. Hwy 106 South Shore Road-Hood Canal and Hwy 300 North Shore Road which would include through Belfair
3. Hwy 108 through Kamilche, Old Olympic Hwy/101 and Cloquallum Road
4. Hwy 119 Hoodspport to Lake Cushman and the Shelton-Matlock Road.

Commission discussed the need for bids which include signs with standardized text and maps of the areas. Mr. Calvin and Mr. Benavente will work together on the maps. Dr DeDanaan offered to help with this aspect.

Commission discussed another project idea of the oystering, logging and other industries that took place in the Oyster Bay and Little Skookum areas.

Mr. MacSems will order a map with overlays to aid in Commission discussions of areas and progress made.

Commission agreed on the following groupings for future projects, some of which will happen simultaneously:

1. Ports of call (Mr. Calvin and Mr. Benavente will work together with Mr. MacSems in order to get a contract going by April 2011.)
2. Cloquallum/Hwy 3 to Jct 106 and including 302, Camp Devereaux and hatchery
3. Hwy 106/Belfair to County Line/Hwy 300 (South Shore & North Shore)

4. Oyster Bay/Little Skookum/Old Olympic Hwy (Kennedy Creek Bridge and cemetery)/Hwy 108
5. Hwy 119 and Dayton-Matlock Road

Commission acknowledges that it is very important that we hire someone with historical savvy who can visualize and make a map for printing and be able to create and make posters. Mr. MacSems will pose the question to county attorney regarding the sale by the Commission of items produced as a result of the surveys.

Commission does not anticipate employing the aid of DAPH for any of the surveys.

III. Old Business

Commission Member Update:

Commission has received one application submitted by Martha (Marty) Harrell to fill the term remainder of seat vacated by Mo MacCracken. Commission will send recommendation forward to County Commissioners.

John Malaney House Historic Register Application:

There are many discrepancies and “blanks” on the validity of information regarding the “John Malaney House” (known to the Commission as the “MacDonald House” off of Agate Road). The acceptance or denial of the application is on hold until the Commission hears from applicant John Keats.

Some of the discussion revolved around the changes made to the 1890’s house over the years, specifically the big aluminum window and the missing chimney.

This discussion prompted Mr. MacSems to ask whether we could have different levels of designations. For example, perhaps we could make a “conditional status” and make suggestions on upgrades. This is a good way for us to acknowledge the historic significance without getting too caught up in the perfection (or lack thereof) of a particular property. This type of designation might work to encourage the owner to pursue excellence, rather than to discourage the pursuit all together.

Grant Completion for Hwy 101 Corridor Survey Project:

Done. Submitted to DAHP. Mr. MacSems will request a copy of the map from DAHP.

Kamilchie/Kennedy Cemetery Grant Application:

Since the cemetery is county property, it was decided that Commission will deny the request for grant monies for an informational plaque. Commission will pursue signage with standardized language to mark the significance of the cemetery.

Signage:

Commission intends to create certificates for the properties added to the register. Mr. Calvin will bring samples of signs to next meeting in order for Commission to make a decision on what will be used for marking identified historic properties.

Grants:

Commission continues to wait for the grant application for the Grant School.

Commission Updates:

Discussed the Treasure Map idea. Commission would like to include the 19 properties on the MC Historic Register plus Kennedy Bridge and Kamichie/Kennedy Cemetery on the map. It was discussed that the map should include GPS co-ordinates for “geo-cachers”.

IV. Other Commission Discussion**Correspondence:**

Mr. MacSems passed around various mailings received that may be of interest to the members.

Organizational Memberships:

Mr. MacSems will send request to county business office for Commission membership to the Capitol Land Trust, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and the Washington State Historical Society.

Financial Report:

Commission is sound.

Adjournment 4:08pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Jahnke, Commission Scribe.