

MINUTES

MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, February 11, 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: Kristina Trebil

Guest: Ross Gallagher, Mason County Commissioner

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Stanley Graham, Chair, at 2:04pm.

Reviewed and accepted Minutes from January 14, 2010 as presented.

II. New Business

None

III. Old Business

5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Planning Continued: Led by Ms De Danaan.

May 22, 2010 was the date chosen for the Commission's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration to be held at the Shelton Civic Center at 525 West Cota Street in Shelton. The room for the celebration has been reserved and space for celebration and payment details were discussed. The bill will be submitted directly to the County.

Workshops will be 35 minutes each with added time for questions.

Mildred Andrews will discuss the North Hwy 101.

Julie Koler will discuss conservation, preservation and restoration.

Mr. Graham will try to get Michael Hauser from the State or will ask Mr. Hauser for a referral to talk about the process to get on the state or national registers. Mr. Graham has some other ideas about possible presenters, so will report back to the group at the March 11 Meeting.

It was decided that we would use a small conference room for the workshops and run one (1) at a time. The “big room” will be used for the gathering/welcome, treats, light lunch and displays.

Introduction will be 5-10 minutes and will include information regarding the county register and the advantages and disadvantages (tax break) with having a property registered. Workshop presenters will be introduced and will give a brief overview of what they will be presenting.

Publicity for the event was discussed. Ms Johnson presented a draft letter to be sent to the various groups who have an interest or stake in the historic preservation of the area.

It was agreed that the letter will be sent by March 1, 2010. Mr. Benavente will follow up with phone calls on March 15 to make sure that the receivers feel welcome to the event. Groups who might be included are Mason Co. Historical Society, WA State DAHP, Matlock Museum. Shelton Historic Preservation Board, Skokomish (Chris Miller), Squaxin, and Mason Co. Geneology Society. It was remarked that this will be the first time that these groups have gotten together.

Mary Duncan at the Mason Co. Journal will be notified as will The Olympian.

It was suggested that HCTC could run an announcement regarding the celebration on their TV channel.

Posters will be placed around town. Antique shops and the “Railroad Car” were specifically mentioned.

It was decided that the Awards and the refreshments will be discussed and planned at the March 11 meeting. Ms MacCracken will check the cost for catering by Alpine Way.

The idea of having items to raffle was discussed. Further discussion will be held during the March 11 meeting.

#### By-Laws:

Ms Trebil reviewed the MCHPC By-Laws and added language regarding “advisory members”. Commission discussed and made some revisions. Ms Jahnke volunteered to revise document and present at March 11 meeting.

#### MCHPC Brochure:

Ms Trebil made a beautiful mock up brochure that the Commission is keen to adopt. Some revision suggestions were made. Ms Trebil will revise and present at the March 11 meeting.

North Highway 101 Project Letter:

Ms Jahnke drafted a letter to send to owners of the 51 properties that were identified in the survey. Suggestions were made for clarification and the additional exact wording regarding the 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration were made. Ms Jahnke will make the changes.

Open Seats:

Ms De Danaan was re-appointed to the glee of her fellow members.

The 2nd open seat has been announced with an application due date March 2nd.

Grant School:

Hearing will be redone in March due to lack of public notice in December. The March 11<sup>th</sup> hearing date will be properly advertised. Once approved by the MCHPC, the nomination will be forwarded to the County Commissioners.

Oakland Bay Farm:

John Keats now has a volunteer who will help with the application to put the Farm on the historic register. Mr. Graham will help with this and will use the Grant School Application as an example/template.

Joint Meeting:

Mr. Graham is still working on the joint meeting of the MCHPC and the Shelton Historic Preservation Board. Suggestion was made that this meeting take place after May 22, 2010 due to preparations for the Birthday Celebration.

Correspondence:

Ms De Danaan reports that the nomination of the Squaxin Cultural Resource Division for the SHPO award for outstanding achievement in historical preservation was submitted.

County Commissioner Gallagher will be added to the MCHPC email group.

Financial Report:

The MCHPC has \$90,000 total in the budget.

The 2nd open seat will be advertised with approval and nomination to be forwarded to the County Commissioners.

IV. Next Meeting Date:

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

Next Meeting Topics:

Mini-Grant Application and Scholarships. Mr. Benavente will have the dollar amounts.

Ms Trebil will email the brochure to the group again.

Ms Johnson-publicity-news release-scholarships/grants

Scholarship Review: Ms Johnson, Ms MacCracken, Ms De Danaan

Grant Review: Ms Trebil, Ms De Danaan, Mr. Benavente

V. Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jahnke, Vice Chair and Acting Secretary