

MINUTES

MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, March 11, 2010

Mason County Building I, Conference Room 1

All Members Present.

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

Volunteer: Kristina Trebil

Guests: Marty and Ernie Harrell and Connie Hawe representing Grant School

and Ross Gallagher, Mason County Commissioner

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Stanley Graham, Chair, at 2:03 p.m.

Reviewed, corrected, and approved the Minutes from the February 11, 2010 MCHPC Meeting.

II. New Business

Grant School Application: Representatives from the Grant School were present for questions and public comment and for the Commission to take steps to accept the application for historic register. Mr. MacSems, County, will place nomination on County Commissioner's Consent Agenda. Confirmation of Consent Agenda items will be on the County's website.

MCHPC Open Seat: Two applications were received for the two open seats on the Commission. After discussion of the candidate, motion was carried to request County Commissioners to accept the recommendation of Mr. Richard Calvin to the vacant seat. Mr. Calvin was chosen for his computer skills and for his location in the un-previously represented area of Grapeview.

Fort Worden Historical Workshop: The workshop has been cancelled this year, due to the condition of the state budget.

Preservation awards for 5/22/10 Birthday Celebration: Commission discussed three categories for the awards.

Community: for those in the community who have worked on historic preservation throughout the county.

Jayni Kamin, Billie Howard and Mike Fredson will receive the Community Awards.

Commission: for those who have served, both past and present.

Staff (Mason County): to thank the staff who have worked with the MCHPC throughout the years.

Ms Trebil and Ms De Danaan will work on the wording of the award certificates and will choose the paper to use.

Amended By-Laws: Brief discussion regarding amending the By-Laws to reflect the need to give the Commissioner the power to use individuals in advisory capacity, assign a meeting secretary as needed, and to amend the meeting day and time. Amendments will be forwarded to the County Commissioners for approval.

Mini Grants and Scholarships: Mini Grants will be up to \$5,000 each. Commission will put the information on the County website. These grants will be based on the current budget. The Grants will be publicized at the May birthday celebration with a June 30 due date.

For 2011, the Grants will be advertised in January with a due date in March. Scholarships will be \$1,000 each. Ms MacCracken produced an introductory letter which she will send to North Mason, M.K. Knight, Shelton and Choice High Schools. Ms MacCracken will work with County to check the legality of the scholarships as they are gifts of public funds. Ms's MacCracken, De Danaan, and Trebil will judge the entrants. Scholarships will be announced at the May 22 Birthday Celebration. This will be an annual scholarship.

III. Old Business

5th Birthday Celebration—Updates and Planning: Letters to the owners in the Hwy 101 Project were sent out. Mr. Graham has received some phone calls and all were positive in nature. A letter was sent to an incorrect addresses. Corrections will be made and the letter re-sent. Mr. Graham will make a master list of RSVPs to know how many are interested in attending the Celebration and how many will set up table displays.

Mr. Benavente reported on the phone contacts he's made to invite people to the Celebration. Another list was made for more contacts. Mr. Benevente took notes on those contacts. Mr. Benevente will provide Mr. MacSems (County Staff) with a copy of this list.

Discussion ensued on the raffle, with a couple merchants identified who may make donations for the raffle. Ms Jahnke volunteered to purchase a book to include. Ms Trebil will do a mock up design for the MCHPC booth and banner for the event.

Ms Johnson is working on publicity and is planning on talking to Mary Duncan and Carolyn Maddox (regarding visitors of county historic sites).

Ms Johnson will notify the following: the Journal, Bremerton Sun, Around the Bend-Union, The Olympian, KMAS and the local cable TV channel.

Commission moved that Julie Koler, presenter, will be paid \$500.00 for her workshop presentation.

MCHPC Brochure: Ms Trebil has worked up a very nice brochure on the Commission. She will take to a local printer and will report back with a bid for 500 copies.

Highway 101 Project Update: The Context Statement was discussed. The Commission feels that more work is required before the document can be considered a finished product. Various members will meet with Mildred Andrews on March 22 or March 24 to discuss the work.

Property Owner Letters: See 5th Birthday Celebration above.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

Membership Selection for Open Seat....see above...in II. New Business.

Correspondence: Ms De Danaan showed members an article on tourism that was in the KLAH-CHE-MIN Newsletter, published by the Squaxin Tribe.

Mr. MacSems shared a received letter that DHAP has listed Schaffer State Park to the Washington Heritage Register.

Ms De Danaan encouraged Commission members to attend any workshops that are offered which are applicable to our work. It's important for the MCHPC to stay current with trends and the work of historic preservation.

Financial: Budget was briefly discussed. Mr. Benavente passed out a breakdown sheet for the budget. It was decided that at the June 2010 meeting, the Commissioners will create a 5-year plan for the amount of money that is currently in the budget. MCHPC will begin a calendar of spending deadlines for the grants and scholarships.

Action Items: Ms Jahnke was asked to create a list of "action items" to be taken from these minutes to help members in their roles for the Celebration planning.

V. Next Meeting Date: April 8, 2010.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Jahnke, Vice Chair and Acting Secretary