

MINUTES

MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, August 12, 2010

Mason County Building I, Conference Room

Members Present: Stanley Graham, Dr. Llyn De Danaan, Frank Benavente and Rick Calvin

Members Excused: Elizabeth Jahnke and Valerie Johnson.

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

Guest: Mason County Commissioner Ross Gallagher

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Graham, Chair, at 2:00 p.m. Reviewed, corrected, and approved the Minutes from the June 10, 2010 MCHPC Meeting

II. New Business

Mr. Graham discussed progress towards conducting a joint meeting with the Shelton Historic Preservation Commission and is looking to coordinate a meeting in mid September.

Mr. Calvin recommended developing some multi media tools to use in community outreach events and presentations. Several different presentations could be developed for commission members to use when addressing various community groups. Developed presentations can ensure that the provided information is consistent and informative. Mr. Calvin will provide a sample at the next scheduled meeting for review.

Dr. De Danaan inquired about the use of mini-grant money for school programs that support history projects and events. The question being would it be legal to approve a grant to a school or other educational organization to support projects, programs or events. Mr. MacSems stated that he would check with the legal department.

Mr. Graham discussed the Pickering Community Clubs request for a certificate from the commission certifying that the Grant School has been placed on the Mason County Historic Register. Mr. Calvin provided a sample certificate that could be used. Mr. Benavente recommended some changes; Mr. Calvin will make the changes and have the certificate ready for the next scheduled meeting for final review.

Mr. Calvin presented some information on a house plaque program used by the Anacortes Historic Preservation Board that might be used in Mason County for homes on the Historic Register. Mr. Calvin will bring some additional information on styles, pricing and availability for the next scheduled meeting.

The commission discussed the application for the Malaney House to be placed on the Mason County Historic Register. Several issues related to the historical structural integrity of the house were raised. Mr. Graham stated he will do some additional inquiry with Washington State DAHP concerning the criteria for acceptance.

III. Old Business

Mr. Graham discussed the status of the Hwy 101 Corridor Project and final pending requirement to approve final payment to the Andrews History Group.

The members present agreed that the survey, map and public meeting deliverables of the contract have been completed and accepted as satisfactory. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted to approve the survey, map and public meeting deliverables of the contract as completed.

Several concerns were voiced by the Commission members present pertaining to the context statement required to complete the contract. Specifically, concerns over the representation of the local tribal pre-contact history, historical errors with specific statements and additional examples of historical interpretation that could not be validated. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted to approve the context statement as written with an addendum developed and provided by the commission identifying the issues to be included with the context statement.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted to approve final payment to the Andrews History Group for the completion of the Hwy 101 Corridor Project.

Mr. MacSems provided an update on the solicitation for volunteers for the newly vacant commission position. Mr. MacSems stated that to date no one had submitted an application. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted to re-solicit the position until filled.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

Mr. MacSems reported that the quarterly issue of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation newsletter has arrived and was available for review.

Correspondence

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Financial Report

The financial report was reviewed and accepted by the members present.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Graham initiated a discussion on the commission becoming members of the Capital Land Trust and the Washington State Historical Society. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously accepted for the commission to join the Capital Land Conservancy Trust, the Washington State Historical Society, and Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

Mason County Commissioner Gallagher inquired about what types of repairs on a structure would render a building unsuitable for application on the Historic Register stating that a Mason County resident had asked him if the repairs they were going to make would make their home in-eligible for the Historic Register. Mr. Benavente suggested and the members present agreed that the resident make an application for the register first to ensure that the building qualified for the Historic Register before making a determination on the allowable repairs.

Next Meeting Date:

September 9, 2010. Mason County Building 1, Conference Room 1

V: Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Calvin, Commission Member