

MINUTES
MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, September 9, 2010
Mason County Building I, Conference Room

Members Present: Stanley Graham, Frank Benavente, Rick Calvin, Elizabeth Jahnke.

Members Excused: Dr. Llyn De Danaan and Valerie Johnson.

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

Guest: John Keates

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Graham, Chair, at 2pm. Reviewed, corrected and approved the Minutes from the August 12, 2010 Meeting.

II. New Business

Commission members discussed ideas for a new contract as there is money to be spent on such an endeavor. Some ideas are as follows:

Something "aquatic"... Hood Canal or everything south and east

HWYs 106/119, etc.

HWY 3 (Allyn, etc.)

Kitsap Peninsula (Tahuya, etc.)

Oyster Bay area

Partner with Tribes on "gathering places"

Logging inclines

Ports of calls

Mail routes

Rollaways

Steamers

It was suggested that the Commission stay with the "corridor" idea when making decision regarding area for next county survey. Discussion will continue at next meeting regarding next steps and how to proceed.

"Malaney House" Application.

John Keats was present as guest to discuss the "Malaney House" Application. Much discussion ensued about this application. Commission members toured the house in 2007. There are many things about the house that are problematic because of changes made over the years. It is situated on the Oakland Bay Park site. There is no denying that the site is important to the history of the county, but the house is questionable for so many reasons. The application did not adequately tell the history of the house. Mr. Graham gave Mr. Keats many suggestions on where to get some background information. Mr. Graham will contact DAHP as it is believed that the application was a result of a Cultural Resources Report that Mr. Keats was working on. Mr. Graham will also do some research at the museum in order to help "date" the house. The Commission thanks Mr. Keats for taking the time to come and discuss the application.

III. Old Business

Commission Membership:

Mr. MacSems informed the Commission of the following terms:

Dr. De Danaan – term ends in November 2012

Mr. Calvin – term ends in April 2012

Mr. Graham – term ends in November 2011

Mr. Benevente – term ends in November 2010

Ms Jahnke – term ends in November 2010

Ms Johnson – term ends in December 2010

Ms MacCracken (resigned from Commission in August) – term ends in 2011 (will fill to end of term).

All expiring terms will be posted and each member will need to re-apply, if interested.

All must be filled for January 1, 2011.

By-Law Amendment:

New class of MCHPC member-volunteer. Commission will review/discuss in February 2011.

101 Project:

Mr. MacSems will work with DAHP to finish the 101 Project. Due date is end of September. Mr. Graham and Mr. MacSems will meet in mid-September to finalize.

Kennedy Cemetery:

Commission will choose a sign for the cemetery and since it is County property, Mr. MacSems will put on the register. It was decided that the sign would be a simple, standard sign without the genealogical information as requested by the family's application. Mr. Calvin, Mr. Graham and Mr. MacSems will work on a letter of denial to the family.

Mr. Calvin showed members examples of signs from catalog and Commission will decide on a standard sign to be used for designated properties. Mr. Calvin will provide samples of signs at the November meeting.

Grant School – Certificate of Registry has been mailed out.

Treasure Maps:

This is put on hold until Ms Johnson and Mr. Calvin can work together on this project.

Mr. Benevente suggested that the Commission use the current County Parks trail map and include historic sites. He will follow up on this.

IV. Other Commission Discussion:

Mr. MacSems is working on applications for the MCHPC to become members of the Washington State Historical Society, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation and the Capitol Land Trust.

5th Birthday Celebration DVDs:

Mr. Graham had the 3 DVDs which cover Mildred Andrews & Opening; Julie Koler, Grant School and Ending; 8 Minute Synopsis.

Financial:

Mr. MacSems reported that the Commission is solvent. The timing of the meeting didn't allow time for an up-to-date statement for review.

Publicity:

Mr. Calvin will invite the reporter for the North Mason life section of the Kitsap Sun to a Commission Meeting. She is willing to write a feature story on the work that the Commission is doing.

Shelton Historic Preservation:

Mr. Graham and Ms Jahnke will attend the SHP meeting on October 13, 2010 in order to explore ways in which the two like-minded groups can work together. SHP would like to request grant money for signs. A joint meeting between the two groups is problematic due to the work hours of County staff, Mr. MacSems. Note: The MCHPC by-laws do not explicitly require Staff attendance at every meeting.

Adjournment 3:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Jahnke, Commission Scribe.