

MINUTES  
MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Thursday, March 10, 2011  
Mason County Building I, Conference Room

Members Present: Stanley Graham, Marty Harrell, Stephanie Neil and Elizabeth Jahnke.

Members Excused: Rick Calvin.

Vacant Seats: 2

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

Guest: John Keates

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Graham, Chair, at 2:01pm. Reviewed, corrected and approved the Minutes from the February 10, 2011 Meeting.

II. New Business

The Commission welcomes Stephanie Neil to fill one of the vacant seats. The MCHPC is very pleased to have Stephanie aboard.

III. Old Business

“Malaney House” Application (a.k.a. McDonald House/Oakland Bay).

John Keates was present as a guest to update the MCHPC on the “Malaney House” Application. Mr. Keates reported that he is collaborating with Norm Dicks office in order to negotiate with the National Park Service (NPS) regarding the status of the Oakland Bay property. Mr. Keates enlisted the help of an AmeriCorps volunteer to research the ownership of the house. That information will be provided to the NPS to gain approval for proceeding with plans for the site. Mr. Graham provided some pictures and background to Mr. Keates and made the suggestion for the researcher to check on the oyster bed title right below the site. The Commission again thanks Mr. Keates for taking the time to provide updates regarding the issues involved.

Mason County Heritage Grant Program: The Guidelines will be presented to the County Commissioners for approval on March 15, 2011. Mr. MacSems requested that Mr. Graham be present at a Monday morning briefing should the County Commissioners have any questions. Suggestion was made by one of the County Commissioners that we should have a form for the Grant, but the MCHPC agreed that a form is too limiting and would prefer the “open” style as presented in the Guidelines.

Upon approval, the Guidelines will be posted on the County web page.

Kamilchie/Kamilche/Kennedy Cemetery:

Hearing was tabled and will be continued on May 12, 2011. Mr. Graham will get information to the MCHPC via email.

#### Historic Preservation Activities on May 15:

Ms Harrell believes that the Grant School would be interested in participating, esp. in light of the recent remodeling. She will make contact with Grant School to confirm.

Mr. Calvin submitted the following information via email to MCHPC on 3/10/11:

"Preservation Month - I spoke with Bernice Nigh of the Allyn Community Church about our offer to place their Church in our notice if they would like to hold an open house during May, she sounded positive and would bring the idea up at the next association meeting scheduled the third week of every month. We should hear something next week. As for the Matlock Oldtimers Day people I have not had so much luck finding a good contact person, I will keep working on that. In spite of the slow start, I would like to put together a sample advertisement for everyone to look at and get some pricing together to have something for our next meeting so if we are advanced enough with the project maybe we could vote on it and get it out in Mid April."

#### Signage and Plaques:

Mr. Calvin submitted the following information via email to MCHPC on 3/10/11:

"I spoke with Bob Graham of Grahamsville Signs about the status of our logo's for our signs and plaques last night and a few times over the past month. He has been checking with the supplier but has not gotten a recent response from them on the pricing. We are thinking that we need to go to another supplier, however it would be great if we could stay with the supplier we have identified because it is the same person who has made the same product for the county in the past and has the artwork already done which would save a setup fee for the most part. If we can't get an answer in the next week or so we will move on. I would like to be able to present the samples and pricing for approval at the April Meeting."

Ms Jahnke reported on the letter for property owners and the plaque wording for the sites identified during the Hwy. 101 Survey. She will contact Mr. Calvin via email regarding the order forms for the plaques.

Ms Jahnke reported on the appreciation gifts for past MCHPC members and for a former County Commissioner. She confirmed the wording for the gifts with the MCHPC and will order the clocks when she can get to the shop in Olympia.

Tiered Historic Registry: The Commission briefly discussed the issue of the different designations for historic properties. Mr. MacSems reported that he thinks that Snohomish County may use such a system. He will email the link to the MCHPC.

#### Committee Updates:

None.

#### IV. Other Commission Discussion

#### Correspondence:

Current issue of Trust News received.

Mr. MacSems asked MCHPC if there is any interest in attending various seminars that he hears about.

Ms Harrell briefly reported on the speaker who was recently at Harstine Community Center. She made the point that there are events all around that we may be interested in. Mrs. Neil alerted the MCHPC about a seminar to be held on the Olympic Peninsula. She will email information to the group.

Financial Statement:

Commission reviewed and motion carried to accept statement.

V. Next Meeting Date: April 14, 2011

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Jahnke, Vice-Chair and Scribe.