

MINUTES
MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, April 14, 2011
Mason County Building I, Conference Room

Members Present: Stanley Graham, Rick Calvin, Stephanie Neil and Elizabeth Jahnke.

Members Excused: Marty Harrell.

Vacant Seats: 2

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

I. Call to Order

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

II. New Business

Mr. Graham was wondering about the League of Women Voters interest in the MCHPC. Ms Neil is a member and explained the role of the League and told the Commission a little about their program. They will get do an overview of what the various commissions and advisory groups do and might have some recommendations. Both Mr. Graham and Ms Neil expressed interest in attending the May 17 meeting of the League.

Mr. Graham was wondering about the 3-tiered approach to historic place designation and called the number listed on the Snohomish County Historic Preservation website. http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/County_Services/HistoricCultural/ He was unable to talk to anyone, but suggested that we look over the website in order to incorporate some of the ideas into our register process. Thurston Co. also has some good ideas for their register.

III. Old Business

Mason County Heritage Grant Program: The Guidelines were presented to the County Commissioners for approval on March 15, 2011. Mr. Graham attended the Monday morning briefing in case that the County Commissioners had any questions. Mr. Graham reported that there were no questions and the Program was approved by the County Commissioners. Mr. MacSems will see that the information is posted on the County website.

The Commission is deeply appreciative of the work that Mr. Calvin performed to get the documents for Grant Program created and finalized.

Mr. Graham is aware that there are two parties who are interested in applying for grants. Shelton Historic Preservation Commission is interested in signs for houses, districts and a map. Cooper Studios is interested in restoring several historic neon signs in Shelton.

Mr. Graham has directed those groups to use our newly “published” guidelines to apply.

Commission reviewed plans previously discussed on 11/18/10 for the next survey project now that the Grant Program is underway. The members will discuss at the next few meetings what the survey will be.

Historic Preservation Activities for May:

Mr. Calvin submitted a flyer that he made to advertise the following activities in the area: Old Timer’s Fair on May 7 & 8, Open House at the Allyn Church on May 14 and Open House at the Grant School on May 15.

Motion was made and carried to accept the flyer for distribution.

Commission discussed submitting the information to various area media. Mr. Graham suggested that perhaps an article could be cultivated to promote the May activities and to launch the Grant Program. Mr. Calvin will make contact with a reporter and Mr. Graham could be interviewed.

Signage and Plaques:

Mr. Calvin presented samples and pricing for approval. After discussion, the MCHPC moved and carried the motion that Mr. Calvin place an order for at least 100 “extra-life” signs; 75 “house” and 25 “place” along with both large and small county seal stickers with a total up to \$5,000.

It was also discussed that we will want to have separate and different signage for cemeteries.

Mr. Graham suggested that the MCHPC write to the various cemetery boards in order to get information for signs that Commission will provide.

Letter to Property Owners:

Ms Jahnke reported on the letter for property owners identified during the Hwy 101 Survey and the material that will accompany the letter. Ms Jahnke and Mr. Calvin will make some modifications to both documents and email to the members for approval.

Appreciation Gifts:

Ms Jahnke reported on the appreciation gifts for past MCHPC members and for a former County Commissioner. She confirmed that the gifts are ready for pickup, but the vendor requires payment. The payment by the county is in the works and Ms Jahnke is hoping that she will be able to pick up the gifts by the end of the month. She will deliver them to Mr. Graham for “presentation” to the recipients.

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:

Ms Jahnke asked Mr. Graham if he was able to contact former Commissioner Valerie Johnson about the Treasure Map Project. He will do so and report at the next meeting.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

Correspondence:

Current issue of Trust News received.

The League of Women Voters information - discussed above.

Financial Statement:

Commission reviewed.

Hearing:

Previously tabled, there will be a hearing regarding the Kamilchie/Kamilche/Kennedy Cemetery at our next scheduled meeting on 5/12/11. .

Next Meeting Date:

May 12, 2011

V. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

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