

DRAFT MINUTES
MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, May 12, 2011
Mason County Building I, Conference Room

Members Present: Stanley Graham, Rick Calvin, Stephanie Neil, Marty Harrell.

Members Excused: Elizabeth Jahnke.

Vacant Seats: 2

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Graham, Chair, at 2:00 pm. Reviewed, corrected and approved the Minutes from the April 10, 2011 meeting.

II. New Business

Review Heritage Grant applications

No heritage grant applications were submitted this month.

Website

Mr. Graham reported that the grant application document on the website is not the correct copy. Mr. Calvin will email the most recent copy to Mr. MacSems to be placed on the website. The membership list also needs to be updated on the website and no photos are up. Mr. Graham will bring a CD with photos to Mr. MacSems.

III. Old Business

Historic Preservation Activities:

Mr. Calvin went to Matlock for the Old Timers' Fair. Ms. Harrell reminded the committee of the open house at the Grant School the following weekend. Mr. Graham reported that the poster was put on the local public access television station HCC website, and events were also put on the KMAS calendar and Mason County Daily News online. People are hearing about the activities.

Appreciation Gift Status:

The committee looked at the gifts and liked the way they turned out. There was a discussion about how we want to give them out. Mr. Graham will send a letter inviting the recipients to attend the June meeting (agenda item).

Signage and Plaques:

There was a discussion of plaques for cemeteries. Mr. Graham was wondering whether we needed a sign plan. Mr. Calvin has researched this topic somewhat and reported there are lots of restrictions on signs. Most of the restrictions

concern where the sign is placed. If it is in the County right-of-way there are more specific requirements. Mr. Calvin will work on a standard cemetery sign.

Signs for Cemeteries:

There was a discussion of signs for cemeteries and how to get in touch with cemetery boards. Mr. Graham suggested we may want to write a letter to go to cemetery boards. Ms. Neil will contact DAHP for a list of cemeteries and if they have any contact info for cemetery boards. Mr. Calvin suggested we would not provide signs to all cemeteries. There would need to be public access. The committee agreed.

Status of Letter to Property Owners in SR 101 Survey:

Mr. Calvin reported that the form that the property owners will send back is ready to go and Ms. Jahnke is working on the letter. Mr. Graham suggested printing the form on heavier paper to go through the mail easier. Mr. Calvin will email the form to Mr. MacSems to print.

Mason County Treasures Map:

Mr. Graham reported he hasn't been able to contact Valerie Johnson about the treasure maps. There was a discussion about the intent of the map. Is it a tourist brochure? Geocache map? How hard are sites going to be to find? Mr. Graham will email what he has to the group.

Next Survey Project:

At the last meeting we discussed doing the next survey project along Hwy 3 from Shelton to Belfair. Mr. Graham wants to examine the route because part of Hwy 3 is fairly new and we may want to use the older roads instead. Mr. Graham and Ms. Neil will look at old maps and report next month.

IV. Public Hearing: Nomination of the Kamilche Cemetery to this Historic Registry

Mr. Graham handed out updated copies of the register form. Mr. Graham wanted to strike additional names (item "P") from the record. There are two section "P"s on the form, second one should read "Q". There was discussion about how large the cemetery is, whether part of it was destroyed by the highway, the dates that it was used, and what information we have about who is buried there. Mr. MacSems stated the Squaxin Tribe said that they were going to comment but have not. Mr. Graham stated there may be an issue with the Slocum name. The committee did not want to vote on this until next month to give the Tribe more time to comment. Mr. Graham will send out a cleaned up copy of the register form. Mr. MacSems will email a photo of a headstone to the group that dates to the 1860s. Motion was made and carried to continue the hearing at the next meeting.

V. Other Commission Discussion

Correspondence:

Current issue of Preservation Trust News received

Mason County Journal – last week's issue had a Historical Journal pull out section

League of Women Voters – invitation from last month to attend upcoming meetings. Mr. Graham reported he would not be able to attend but Ms. Neil said she would attend and report back to the committee.

Financial Statement:

Commission reviewed.

Next Meeting Date:

June 9, 2011

VI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Neil