

APPROVED MINUTES
MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, November 10, 2011
Mason County Building I, Conference Room 1

Members Present: Stanley Graham, Marty Harrell, and Rick Calvin (no quorum)

Members Excused: Stephanie Neil and Teva Yount

Members Unexcused: Mike Olson

Vacant Seat: 1

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County Staff

Guest: Kelly Frazier

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Stanley Graham, Chair, at 2:28 p.m.

Draft minutes from the 10/13/11 meeting were reviewed and corrected, by not approved (no quorum). Approval will have to occur at December meeting.

II. New Business

Michael MacSems announced the formal reappointment by the Mason County Board of Commissioners of Stan Graham and Marty Harrell to the HPC.

Rhonda Foster of the Squaxin Tribe was on the agenda to speak about issues related to Oakland Bay, but could not attend and asked to reschedule.

Kelly Frazier from Mason County Facilities brought the 1916 Washington State map in and told the story of its recent history. Mr. Frazier personally acquired the map at the St Edwards Catholic Church rummage sale about 15 years ago. Originally Mr. Frazier had loaned the map to the then Facilities Manager Mike Rutter for display in his office. However the map stayed rolled up in Mr. Rutter's office until his retirement in earlier this year. At that point Mr. Frazier found the map and offered it to Commissioner Jerry Lingle for display in his office. It was Commissioner Lingle who brought the map to the attention of the HPC and asked if it could be preserved. Commissioner Lingle passed away unexpectedly in August just as the HPC was considering what to do with the map. At that time there was a misunderstanding about who owned the map, the HPC assuming it was County property. In this meeting Kelly Frazier formally donated the map to Mason County in the interest of historic preservation. The HPC accepted the map on behalf of Mason County. Michael MacSems is making arrangements to meet with Gudrun Aurand for possible preservation/restoration of the map.

Stan Graham pointed out that the annual elections officers needs to occur at the December meeting, per the requirements of our by-laws.

It is time to advertise the next Heritage Grant cycle. Mr. MacSems will be responsible for issuing a news release.

Rick Calvin reported that planning for the May 2012 Historic Preservation Month should begin soon.

III. Old Business

Marty Harrell reported on the Grant School project and that the first part of the map restoration should be finished by mid-December. The map case has been completely restored. The project is on schedule.

Rick Calvin reported that he has updated the Heritage Grant scoring form.

John Keates (Mason County Facilities Manager) sent the HPC a copy of a Historic Preservation Easement for the old County Court House, which Mr. MacSems will forward to the group as a PDF. HPC members may comment to Mr. Keates if moved to do so, but it is not required.

HPC Staff Michael MacSems and HPC member Teva Yount toured the McReavy House with Michael Fredson in late October and confirmed that the terms of the Heritage Grant for signage had been met. Mr. Fredson will pickup his reimbursement check on 11/10.

Stephanie Neil will give a presentation about the upcoming historic inventory project at the December meeting.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

Correspondence – Washington Historic Trust magazine.

Financial Statement – Reviewed and accepted. The HPC (like all other bank accounts administered by Mason County) was charged an annual “indirect fee” of \$2,100 in September.

Motion was made and carried unanimously to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Harrell, Commission Member