

Minutes

Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Mason County Building I, Conference Room

Members Present: Stan Graham, Rick Calvin, Marty Harrell, Teva Yount, Stephanie Neil

Vacant Seats: 2

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Graham, Chair, at 2:05 P.M. Reviewed and approved as written the Minutes from the January 12, 2012 meeting.

II. New Business

Discussion of Revised Expense Reimbursement Procedure

Mr. MacSems reported that going forward to be reimbursed for expenses we need to have an approved copy of the minutes authorizing the expense. It may take up to 60 days for reimbursement. The Commission discussed how this would affect payments. For some things it may help to bill the county directly but this would not help for the grant program. Grant applicants will have to be told not to expect immediate payment. The Commission could hold extra meetings to approve minutes if there was a payment we wanted to make sure was made in a timely matter. Mr. Calvin found rules stating meetings can be called with 48 hours notice.

Presentation by the Squaxin Island Tribe

The Commission welcomed visitors from the Squaxin Island Tribe: Jeremiah George, Aleta Poste, and Joeleen Groner. They were invited because the Commission did not approve the tribe's request for a grant at the January meeting but wanted to encourage them to re-apply or find others ways that the commission could partner with the tribe. They updated the Commission on plans for the Paddle to Squaxin canoe journey. The Commission explained the grant program including the need to fit specific project categories and produce something that could be measured. There was a discussion of some specific projects that might work such as a video or recording of stories that documented historic information.

Discussion of CAMP Training in Everett

Mr. Calvin stated he would like to attend CAMP Training in Everett on April 21st. Mr. Graham said he was also interested. Ms. Neil made a motion to approve travel expenses for Commissioners to attend the training. Ms. Yount seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Grants

The Commission discussed the possibility of putting in for a Certified Local Government (CLG) grant through the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Mr.

Graham suggested the previously discussed study of historic ports of call. The Commission has previously discussed a survey done from the water that would identify ports of call, including warehouses and piers. There was much discussion over whether we wanted to pursue the grant based on previous experience with a grant from DAHP, timeline, and the amount of work involved. The average grants that are given are \$7,500 so that would be only enough to cover a portion of the historic ports of call. The Commission made a preliminary decision to pursue the grant. After a discussion of the area to cover we decided on North Bay near Allyn and that we would ask for \$10,000. The product we would expect would be a monogram covering three major periods: pre-statehood, statehood, and automobiles. Mr. Calvin has a draft for a proposal to cover the entire county that could be modified. He will not be at the next meeting but will email a draft to Mr. MacSems.

III. Old Business

Status of News Releases

The news releases did not make it onto the agenda for the last County Commissioners meeting but will be on the agenda for next week's meeting.

Follow Up Discussion of Winter Grant Cycle

Mr. Graham stated he that called all three of the organizations that had submitted Heritage Grant proposals and were rejected. The Squaxin Island Tribe visited the Commission at this meeting. The Mason County Department of Public Health was also invited to attend a meeting. The contact said she would try to come. Mr. Graham asked the Health Dept if they might be willing to scan all documents related to parcels and the contact said no. The contact person for the Mason Area Fair was upset by the rejection.

Update on 1916 Washington Map Restoration Project

Mr. MacSems reported that the map had been removed from the vault by Facilities staff and has been hung in Conference Room A in Building 9. There was some discussion over whether this is a good place for the map to hang because it is not readily accessible to the public. Mr. Graham stated that he will get the plaque to hang with the map done as soon as possible.

Continued Discussion of Shelton – Allyn Historic Survey

Postponed due to lack of time to discuss.

Discussion of Historic Preservation Month 2012

Mr. Calvin has started developing a power point presentation for the public that includes information on the preservation ordinance, Commission, historic register, plaque program, and preservation grant program. There was discussion by the Commission over booking a place to hold a public presentation. The Harstine Island Community Club sent the Commission a letter asking us to come to one of their meetings and give a presentation. The Commission discussed giving a presentation there and all agreed that it would be a good idea. The Commission decided to ask the Harstine club if they would host a May public meeting program so the greater public could also attend the

presentation. Mr. MacSems stated he would contact the club. The Commission also discussed developing a small traveling exhibit and flyers to bring to public meetings or other forums.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

Mr. Calvin asked if we have the authority to spend money on appreciation gifts. The Commission all agreed that this was a good question we should get an answer to. Mr. MacSems said he would contact Human Resources and the Municipal Research Service Center.

Ms. Yount had to leave the meeting early.

Mr. Graham reported that Forrest Cooper has been repairing neon signs in Shelton. He wants to fix the sign at the drive in (one of the structures documented in the Highway 101 survey that was completed). He talked with Mr. Graham about the grant program and we can expect a proposal in the future.

Mr. Graham brought a newspaper clipping from the Wall Street Journal about the movement to preserve ranch style homes (aka ramblers) as historic.

The Harstine Island Community Club sent the Commission a letter as discussed above. The letter also asked to correct the site address on the Historic Register and Mr. MacSems reported that this has been done.

The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation invited the Commission to a reception honoring retired Justice Gerry Alexander. Mr. MacSems stated he was planning on attending.

Website: A photo was added to the MCHPC website of the Commissioners at the January 2012 meeting. Mr. Graham suggested that Ms. Yount might be able to help get the Mason County Historic Register application set up so that it could be filled out online. Commission agreed to ask her at the next meeting.

The financial statement was reviewed.

V. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Harrell, seconded by Mr. Calvin, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Neil, commission member.