

MINUTES MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Mason County Public Health, Building 8, 415 N 6th St. Shelton, WA

Members Present: Marty Harrell, Stephanie Neil, Rick Calvin, David Corliss, Brian Avery

Excused Absence: Stan Graham, Teva Yount

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Rick Calvin at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Neil was selected as the note taker for the day.

Reviewed draft minutes from March 8, 2012. A motion was made by Ms. Harrell to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2012 meeting with minor corrections. Motion was seconded by Mr. Avery and carried unanimously.

II. New Business

Welcome New MCHPC Members

The commission welcomed new members David Corliss and Brian Avery. They told us a little about themselves. Mr. Avery grew up here, has a degree in political science and is working on his master's in military history. Mr. Corliss lived in Mason County off and on growing up, went overseas as a teacher, and recently returned.

Mason County Boards and Commissions Handbook and 5/3 Open Meetings Training

Mr. MacSems passed out the new handbook. Commissioners that will attend the May 3 training are Mr. Graham, Mr. Calvin, Ms Harrell and Ms Yount.

Reappointment Schedules

Mr. MacSems passed out a list of the commissioners with expiration of terms. Mr. MacSems explained that all terms should end in November regardless of when a commissioner is appointed to the board because the original terms all expired in November and new appointees are filling those vacant seats. If a commissioner wants to reapply when their term expires they should start the paperwork in September so that it can go through the Board of County Commissioners in October and they can be seated in November. A motion was made by Ms. Harrell and seconded by

Ms. Neil to recognize that all terms expire in November and those who wish to reapply should do so in September. Motion carried unanimously.

Recent Presentation to the Mason County Historical Society

Mr. Calvin stated that he was there for the presentation made by Mr. Graham, it went well, and he will let Mr. Graham speak to it at the next meeting.

Mr. Calvin also stated that Forrest Cooper gave a presentation of the neon sign project he has been working on. Mr. Calvin was very impressed with the project and how he put it all together. One of the biggest challenges was convincing sign owners to let him do it. Due to city regulations the restorations had to be done with the signs in place. Mr. Cooper is willing to be a presenter at an event for historic preservation month. The commission discussed presenting a certificate, achievement award, or some type of thank you. The commission agreed that a public thank you would be appropriate.

III. Old Business

Camp Training

Mr. Calvin will be attending Camp training in Everett. He will be going over the night before and staying with his mom who lives in that area so he does not need travel money. Mr. Corliss was hoping to attend but did not want to travel that far by himself so he decided not to go.

On-line Historic Register Application

No update

Port of Call Survey and CLG grant

Mr. Calvin gave some background to fill in new members. The commission had talked previously about a maritime survey. There is a lot of information out there but the story is not all in one place. To do a survey for the whole county would be a huge project so this project would take one piece of the county. The grant was edited to put pre-contact water routes as top priority after receiving a comment from the Squaxin. This project will be a good trial and maybe changed somewhat for future projects.

Mr. Calvin gave the highlights of the project. It will be a reconnaissance level survey; will cover pre-contact to circa 1960 (this is later than we originally discussed but it covers that time up to 50 years ago and there are some resources within this time period that will disappear if they are not documented); the boundaries are from the Mason County line at

Victor around North Bay including Reach and Stretch Island and ending at the McLane Cove Bridge on Grapeview Loop Road.

There was a discussion of the details of the grant and project. Ms Neil asked if the hours might be a low estimate and if travel needed to be included? Mr. Calvin stated he wanted competitive bid, the hours may be low but he used the highest labor rate, and he didn't include travel because we don't know where the contractor will be coming from, they may even be local. Ms Neil stated she thought the scope of the project was really good and Mr. Calvin added that he tried to balance how large of a project would be easy to complete and economies of scale for expenses. Ms Neil thought the estimate of the total expense might be OK but it is probably not divided up in the right proportions. That is probably not crucial. The commission discussed if we needed more money to cover the project based on bids we could pay for a portion of it without the DAHP grant.

Mr. MacSems asked about the timeline for the grant and the contractor selection. There was discussion about whether the commission hires the contractor or DAHP does. This needs to be clarified. Mr. Calvin stated he would work through the paperwork and email to Mr. MacSems but the application probably needs Mr. Graham's signature. He also stated the estimate of funds attached to the grant was something he added because there was no place for this on the grant application. A motion was made by Ms Harrell and seconded by Ms Neil to submit the grant application to DAHP. Motion carried unanimously.

Harstine Island Event

The MCHPC was asked to come to the Harstine Island Community Club meeting on May 11th. Mr. Graham has been working on a presentation. Mr. Calvin will bring in a slide show to the meeting on May 10th to show to the MCHPC before the presentation on the 11th. We need confirmation if the Harstine Island Community Center is willing to host an event on May 20th for Historic Preservation month. Ms. Harrell stated that members of the Harstine Island Community Center and Pickering Community Club (Grant School) have been talking about the event. The Pickering Community Club is planning on having an open house so that people can stop on the way. We need confirmation from both groups for planned advertisement. Mr. MacSems will follow up with the groups.

Historic Preservation Month 2012

Mr. Calvin showed the advertisement we ran with the Mason County Journal last year. He contacted the Journal and they are having a special on flyers right now. For \$475 it goes out as a flyer in the entire

circulation. We need to confirm with the groups that will host events. Mr. Graham was going to talk to Bernice Nigh about the Allyn Church. Mr. MacSems will confirm with the Harstine Island Community Center. Ms. Harrell asked if we should do other flyers too. Mr. Calvin replied that we should. We can also send the announcement to Hood Canal Cable and KMAS. If we do the ad in the Journal it should be published on April 26th because the first event is on May 4th. Ms. Neil made a motion to spend up to \$500 on advertisement for Historic Preservation month in the Mason County Journal. Mr. Avery seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Harstine Island Community Center should be available on May 20th from 12-2:00 p.m. but we need to confirm. Mr. Calvin made a motion to extend an invitation to the Grant School, Mason County Historical Society, and Shelton Historic Preservation Commission to put up a display at the planned Open House and to Forrest Cooper as a featured speaker. Ms. Harrell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Calvin will write a letter and Mr. MacSems will send it.

Plaque for Historic Map

Mr. MacSems stated that Mr. Graham dropped off the plaque that will go with the historic map that was recently restored. There was a question if we approved the money for the plaque? Members thought that we did approve money and Mr. MacSems will look at the minutes. The cost should also be covered within the amount approved for preservation and framing. Mr. Calvin asked if we could see the map soon. Mr. MacSems will arrange a fieldtrip after the next meeting. It is located in the Building 9 meeting room.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

Rick gave an update for the new members of some of the projects that the commission has completed in the past and those that we are currently working on e.g. Hwy 101 survey, treasure map, sign plaques, register.

Mr. Avery asked about why there is not more coordination with the Shelton Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. MacSems explained that the two groups have jurisdiction over different areas. Jurisdiction of MCHPC excludes City of Shelton and tribal lands. The commission discussed how we might coordinate more with that Shelton HPC. We could invite a member of that group to give updates at our meetings. We do also invite them to participate in events with us (e.g. Harstine Island).

Mr. Corliss asked about petroglyphs in Mason County and Ms. Neil stated that she would bring some material to the next meeting.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month.

Financial Statement

The financial statement was reviewed. Mr. MacSems stated it might be good to invite the bookkeeper to give us a walk-through of the statement at one of the meetings.

V. Next Meeting Date: May 10, 2012

VI. Meeting Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Corliss, seconded by Ms Harrell, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Neil, Commission Member