

DRAFT MINUTES  
MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
January 10, 2013  
Mason County Building I, Conference Room

Members Present: Stephanie Neil, David Corliss, Marty Harrell, Brian Avery, Stan Graham

Members Excused: Rick Calvin

Staff: Michael MacSems

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm.

The minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed. Mr. Avery made a motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Corliss seconded, and it passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Other – Open Position

Steve Rose from Allyn attended the meeting and stated he was interested in applying to be on the commission. There is one position open at this time.

Discuss the Sargent Oyster House Nomination to the Historic Registry

Randy Neatherlin was a guest at the meeting and spoke about the background on the Sargent Oyster House in Allyn. He talked about the house as an important historic location in the community that many people felt a special connection to. The Port of Allyn wants to see the oyster house restored and returned to oyster processing. They met with staff at Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP), who said the building was savable. The Washington Stated Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) acquired the property through a grant and wants the land restored to natural habitat. Mr. Neatherlin also stated that time is of the essence.

Mr. MacSems stated that Greg Griffith at DAHP communicated that the Port of Allyn can nominate the property but WDFW can object to the nomination if they want to.

The commission discussed the ownership issue and agreed to do a public hearing for the nomination at the February meeting.

Malaney-O'Neil House Public Hearing for Placement on the Mason County Historic Registry

The Public hearing began at 2:32.

Mr. Graham gave some background information on the property and nomination. In 2007 Mr. Graham went to look at the property with John Keates. In 2008 the commission turned down an application for nomination of this property because the application was not sufficient. In 2010 the commission looked at the property again and did not place it on the register because of the changes that had taken place (primarily the large window on the front). Since then the state has put the

property on the state register and it has been nominated for the National Register.

The commission discussed the current condition of the building and changes that have taken place. There are not many houses from this early time period remaining in Mason County, the property has very distinctive architecture for the Pacific Northwest, it has ornate woodwork, the interior is mostly original, and there are also heirloom apple trees on the property.

Ms. Harrell made a motion to accept the nomination of the Malaney-O'Neil House to the Mason County Register of Historic Places. Ms. Neil seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There were no oral or written comments from the public.

The public hearing ended at 2:45.

#### Review Winter 2012-2013 Heritage Grant Applications: Grant School, Shelton-Mason County Chamber of Commerce, and Mason County Historic Society

The Grant School applied for money to restore the floors. The commission discussed the project and felt it was a good use of funds. Ms. Neil made a motion to approve the grant application in the full amount of \$3592.00. Mr. Avery seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with Ms. Harrell recusing herself from the vote.

The Shelton Chamber of Commerce submitted an application to fund a motivational workshop for community leaders. The commission did not think the proposal clearly benefited heritage. Mr. MacSems stated that he had asked additional questions about the proposal and did not receive a response. There was also no signature on the application. Mr. Corliss made a motion to deny the grant application to the Shelton Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Harrell seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Mason County Historic Society submitted an application to restore the neon sign at the Sky Line Drive In. The total project cost is estimated at \$9750, they are requesting \$5,000, and the rest of the money would be collected from the public. The commission discussed the application noting there are only 5 drive-in theatres left in Washington. Ms. Harrell made a motion to approve the grant application in the full amount of \$5,000, Mr. Corliss seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously with Mr. Graham recusing himself from the vote.

#### Other – Letter from Harstine Island Community Club Regarding Open House

The commission received a letter requesting to set a date for an Open House at the Grant School and Harstine Island Community Club on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013. They asked that the times be staggered this year from 12-2 at the Grant School and 1-3 at Harstine so that members could attend both. The commission agreed to that date and Mr. MacSems will draft a letter reply.

#### **Old Business**

Review Request by Washington State Parks Foundation to extend their Heritage Grant deadline by six months

The Washington State Parks Foundation has asked for an extension due to flooding and root rot. The guidelines say that an organization must ask for extension with 4 months from the date of award. The request came at 4.5 months from award. The commission discussed and felt the organization was making an effort and the deadline could be extended because they did not ask at the end of the 6 months. Ms. Harrell made a motion to extend the Washington State Parks Foundation grant due to flooding. Mr. Corliss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Other – Squaxin Tribe Heritage Grant

We have not heard anything about the status of the heritage grant to the Squaxin Tribe and it was planned to be completed for the canoe journey that has already taken place. Mr. MacSems will draft a letter to the Squaxin to finalize inspection prior to payment of their grant.

Further Discussion of Historic Registry Plaques

Mr. Graham presented the wording for the plaque and an approximate design. He has been talking to a company in Spokane and will confirm pricing using this wording. The commission discussed the wording and agreed to change “Placed” to “Listed”. There was also a discussion about who should pay for the plaques and if this was a gift of public funds. One alternative would be to have people submit a grant application to pay for the signs.

Update on Business Cards

Ms. Neil handed out business cards.

Status Update on Maritime Resource Survey Project

Mr. MacSems stated five qualifying proposals were submitted. The special meeting to review the proposals will be on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Further Discussion and Status on SR 3 Survey

No updates.

Update on Brochure and Display

No updates.

**Other Commission Discussion**

Correspondence – We received Columbia magazine.

No financial statement was provided for this meeting.

**Next Regular Meeting Date: February 14, 2013**

**Adjournment**

Mr. Corliss made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:53, Mr. Avery seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.