

MINUTES
MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

August 8, 2013
Mason County Building 9, Conference Room

Members Present: David Corliss, Rick Calvin, Stan Graham, Steve Rose, and Stephanie Neil. Marty Harrell was excused.

Staff: Michael MacSems

Guests: Rhonda Foster and Margaret Henry representing the Squaxin Island Tribe; and Sandy Murphy and Judith Schaaf of the Harstine Island Community Club Historic Preservation Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 1:58 p.m.

Minutes from the July 11 meeting were reviewed and approved with no changes. A motion was made by Mr. Rose to accept the minutes and seconded by Mr. Corliss and the motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence

- M.C. Historical Society Newsletter
- Washington Trust for Historic Preservation Newsletter

II. NEW BUSINESS

Squaxin Island Tribe: Presentation by Rhonda Foster– Rhonda Foster and Margaret Henry representing the Squaxin Island Tribe gave a Power Point presentation on the history, culture and values of the tribe. Ms. Foster spoke about the Medicine Creek Treaty and explained the importance of it. The presentation also included information on cultural resources and the importance of managing, protecting and preserving archaeological sites. Mrs. Neil stated that it would be a great opportunity to work with the Squaxin Island Tribe and asked Ms. Foster if they would consider teaming up with the HPC on a project to preserve and record historical sites. Ms. Foster said she would welcome the opportunity and asked Mrs. Neil to email her with details.

The possibility of adding an addendum to the Maritime Survey was discussed. Mr. Calvin asked Ms. Foster what she thought of the Maritime Resource Survey. She replied that she thought it was a great beginning.

Meeting Venue Schedule for remainder of 2013 – Sandy Murphy and Judie Schaff of the Harstine Island Community Club and Historic Preservation Committee were introduced. It was discussed that the next HPC meeting will be held at the Harstine Island Community Club on September 12, 2013 from 2 – 4 p.m. Ms. Murphy announced that they would be having a plaque presentation after the HPC meeting and asked if a member of the HPC would do a 5-minute presentation? Mr. Graham agreed to give a presentation. Ms. Murphy said that Commissioner Neatherlin and Mr. Cowling of the M.C. Historical Museum will also be present.

It was determined that the November meeting will be held at Hamma Hamma Cabin, weather permitting. Mr. MacSems commented that he is concerned that the HPC is planning too many meetings off-site and need to remember that the meetings are to be made available to the public. The discussion of a field trip to Matlock in October was discussed in detail. It was agreed that the field trip was not a meeting and would be conducted prior to the meeting. The issue with the use of a van for the field trip was discussed. The HPC agreed to table the topic for the next meeting and Mr. MacSems asked for a firm date on the day they want to take the field trip to Matlock in order to secure a van.

Discussion of Historic Register Map on the website – It was discussed if the map showing HPC sites, made available through GIS, should be added to the website. Mr. Graham commented that it would be a great addition to the website. Mr. MacSems agreed to have it added.

2014 Budget – Mr. MacSems and Mr. Graham met with Kathy Chaussee, Accountant regarding the HPC budget in July. The details of the meeting were discussed. Mr. MacSems added that they should pay more attention to the budget when considering grants. It was discussed in detail.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Status Update on Maritime Resource Survey Project – Aqua Terra submitted the final draft of Phase 1 of the Maritime Survey that was discussed in detail. Mr. Calvin agreed to take all revisions, corrections and questions back to Aqua Terra to correct. Ms. Neil asked that they (Aqua Terra) define the search area and asked for clarification on the outside boundary.

The final report is due to DAHP by August 29, 2013. Mr. MacSems stated that they need to identify all the changes. Mr. Graham agreed stating that they may need one more time to review, after they receive the changes from Aqua Terra.

Mr. Calvin explained that the final public meeting was moved to Sunday, August 25, 2013 at the Horton Community Center in Grapeview from 1 – 3 p.m. Mr. Calvin explained that the contract does include the public meeting and no addendum is required, stating that it was in the scope of services. Mr. Calvin stated that Ms. Sarah Amell of Aqua Terra will provide an agenda, photo's and comments at the public meeting. He also agreed to put up flyers locally.

Mr. Calvin made the motion to accept the report once the identified revisions have been made. Mr. Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Calvin made the motion to authorize up to \$150 for the cost of the hall, refreshments, etc., to support the public meeting for the Maritime Survey. Mr. Rose seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Calvin said that the June and July invoices from Aqua Terra were received. He explained that there will be six invoices total and they have only received up to number 5. Mr. MacSems asked if they think they need to apply for an extension from DAHP. Both Mr. Calvin and Mr. Graham said that they can deliver on time and an extension was not necessary.

Mr. Calvin made the motion to pay invoices number 4 and 5, as submitted by Aqua Terra. Mr. Rose seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Update on Inter-Local Agreement with the City of Shelton – Mr. MacSems has spoken with the County Auditor and Treasurer’s Office. The tentative outline is that any agreement with the City would be handled through the Dept. of Community Development with quarterly payments beginning in 2014.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

- Financial Statement – July statements was submitted.

V. Next Meeting Date: September 12, 2013

VI. Adjournment – Ms. Neil made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Calvin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.