

**MINUTES**  
**MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Thursday, June 12, 2014  
423 N 5th Street  
Shelton WA, 98584

Members Present: Rick Calvin, Stephanie Neil, Marty Harrell, Steve Rose, and Leslie “Butch” Carter, Jamie Bariekman

Excused: David Corliss

County Staff: Commissioner Terri Jeffreys, Michael MacSems, Ariane Paysse, and Rebecca Hersha

Guest: Stan Graham, Mr. Orthman

Call To Order:

Roll Call- The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm and roll call was conducted.

Review and approval of meeting minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014- Butch Carter made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Marty Harrell and carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** Michael MacSems read aloud a letter that was received from The Harstine Island Community Club. The letter thanked the Mason County Historic Preservation Commission for making the event such a memorable one. The HICC also extended an invitation to the MCHPC to attend a potluck picnic on August 8, 2014.

**New Business:** County Commissioner Terri Jeffreys met with the MCHPC. She would like to get a better feel on how the MCHPC runs. She brought forth the idea of using MCHPC funds to restore county owned buildings. An example that she mentioned was the Malaney/O'Neil farm house at Oakland Bay Park. If restored this would be a wonderful venue to hold many types of events. Also the Veterans Memorial Hall needs a new roof. Chair Rick Calvin stated that as long as funds are being used for preservation he feels comfortable with it. The Commission members do not oppose county preservation as long as it follows RCW guidelines. Stephanie Neil stated she would like to see some sort of budget from the county commissioners on the way the funds would be allocated.

Commissioner Jeffreys addressed the group and asked, “How does the group decide on which area to survey?” Mr. Calvin replied that Matlock was chosen, in part, because of

the local community historic interest, also rich ties to the railroad and historic logging past. Commissioner Jeffreys asked "How would the information be available once the results become available?" Mr. Calvin replied simple access would be online. If made available to the MCHPC, social media would also help spread the word. Jamie Bariiekman reiterated the fact he would also like to see some a social media policy approved by the County Commissioners. Commissioner Jeffreys commented that she wanted to make sure that various MCHPC projects are compatible and won't distract each other.

Steve Rose asked Commissioner Jeffreys if there was a particular amount being requested from the MCHPC and she replied "No."

Ms Neil remarked that within the U.S. Forest Service, they turn houses on the historic registry into rentals, that way the structure is lived in (which help with maintenance), as well as bringing in revenue.

Mason County Planner Rebecca Hersha gave a little background on the current Shoreline Master Program update. She provided the group with the *Archaeological Areas and Historic Sites Staff Report* as well as *Other Jurisdictions Adopted or Draft SMP's*. Ms Neil stated Archeology sites are also historic sites. Usually a historic preservation specialist would handle classifying any buildings. The MCHPC is concerned about the 30-day time frame that's in place to notify the authorities if cultural resources are inadvertently discovered. Ms Neil made reference to the Cultural Resource Summit; tribes are very concerned about the language and permit process. Once something is removed (from the ground) it is gone for good. Ms Hersha encouraged the group to attend the up and coming PAC meeting on June 16, 2014 at 6:00pm. Rebecca has provided the commission with her email for and further individual comments. Mr. Calvin feels that it's really important that the MCHPC puts forth a statement. Ms Harrell made a motion to have Ms Neil speak on behalf of the MCHPC. Mr. Bariiekman seconded the motion, none opposed. Mr. Calvin will also be in attendance.

Mr. Calvin moved to the next item, Ms Neil passed around some handouts that she received from the Cultural Resource Summit. She stated that a key concern was expressed at the Summit was the Tribes' worries regarding projects. The Tribes feel that at the federal level things are protected well, but as things trickle down to the state level then county level, in there eyes, there is less protection for cultural resources.

Mr. MacSems mentioned that the Mason County Comprehensive Plan is up for revision in 2015 and that the current version of the Comp Plan has a small historic preservation section, and that the MCHPC should become involved in the revisiting of that chapter.

Mr. Calvin reminded the commission to keep brainstorming celebration ideas for the MCHPC's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mr. Bariiekman remarked about extending invitations to neighboring historic groups. Mr. Calvin threw out the idea of having some sort of short seminar on how to get a property listed on the Mason County Historic Register could be included.

Allyn Days is coming July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Staffing of a MCHPC both was discussed.

Stan Graham mentioned that the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Mason County Historical Society's museum building (formerly City Hall and Library) is coming in August and thinks it would be a wonderful chance for the MCHPC to recognize the MCHS's preservation excellence.

**Old Business:**

The MCHPC discussed the proposed, self-funded, Matlock Area Historical Survey, was rejected by the Mason County Board of Commissioners as being too expensive. Mr. Bariiekman and Mr. Calvin felt that perhaps there needed to be more clarification. Mr. Calvin stated, "We are doing what we are suppose to be doing per county ordinance". Ms Neil added, "Let's wait for some direction. At some point we may possibly be able to pull apart pieces to accomplish this project down the road". Mr. MacSems stated that in his opinion, no self-funded historic surveys are likely to be approved under the current BOCC and the MCHPC needs to be looking for outside funding to carry on this work.

Mr. MacSems reported that a news release for Summer 2014 Heritage Grant cycle was read at the June 3rd BOCC meeting. He remarked that he has received correspondence from KMAS and that they offer a announcement service for \$75.00. The MCHPC liked the idea but felt it was too late for this cycle. It will be kept in mind for the winter cycle.

No news on the social media update.

**Next meeting date:** July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Financial Statement:** Commission reviews April and May statements.

**Adjournment:** At 4:25 Ms Harrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting Mr. Carter seconded it.