

MINUTES

Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

September 11th, 2014

Mason County Department of Community Development
426 W Cedar Street
Shelton WA, 98584

Members Present: Rick Calvin, Stephanie Neil, Marty Harrell, Steve Rose, Leslie "Butch" Carter and David Corliss

County Staff: Michael MacSems and Ariane Paysse

Excused: Jamie Bariekman

Guest: John Keates

Call To Order:

ROLL CALL- The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm and roll call was conducted.

MINUTES: Mr. Carter noted that on the second page of the draft minutes under MCHPC 10th Anniversary Celebration "were" needed to be changed to "where". Mr. Rose makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended and the motion is 2nd by Ms. Harrell.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. MacSems stated that he had received a Thank You note for the MCHPC from Kathy Geist at the Mason Transit Authority for the awarded grant. A newsletter was also received from Justin Cowling at the NW Timber Society regarding current events.

New Business:

Mr. John Keates addressed the MCHPC regarding The Coulter Creek Historic Portage Trail. Mr. Keates began by giving some history on the trail. He explained his team would like to begin working on some interpretive displays and down the road would like to create a trail from Coulter Creek to the Theler Wetlands. At this stage Mr. Keates is reaching out to many resources with hopes to receive as much valuable information as possible. Mr. Keates currently has one map that dates back to the 1880's. Ms Neil commented that once completed this would be an amazing attribute to the community. Mr. Calvin addressed the Commission and asked if anyone would like to take on the task of research. All were in agreement to support the project. Ms Neil stated she did have some documents at home that could help with research and would get them to Mr. Keates. Mr. Rose suggested to Mr. Keates the possibility of tying the Sargent Oyster House to the Trail some how as a point of interest. Mr. Rose said Mr. Keates could contact the North Bay Historical Society for further information.

Mr. MacSems inquired about the status of the O'Neil- Malaney House at Oakland Bay Park. Mr. Keates responded that it has been put on the State and County Historic Registry. The building had an inspection recently and Mr. Keates was told by the inspector that it is holding up well for its age.

Mr. Keates mentioned that Ross McDowell is the new point of contact for the Social Media front, and hopes that since the ball is rolling that next year at this time there will be a broader internet presence.

Mr. Calvin mentioned that Mr. Bariekman and Ms. Harrell terms will be expiring at the end of November. Ms. Harrell stated that she had the re-application form already completed. Mr. MacSems asked her to drop it by the Commissioner's Office. Mr. Bariekman was not in attendance to respond. Mr. MacSems said he would contact him via email. It will take the Board of County Commissioners about a month to approve the applications with hopes the MCHPC will have the applications to review at the November meeting.

Old Business:

Mr. MacSems stated that three out of the four heritage grants have been picked up. The Historic Allyn Church has not signed and picked up their contract yet.

Mr. Calvin handed out a sample agenda for the MCHPC 10th Anniversary celebration, that way the group had a place to start. Ms. Neil mentioned that she had visited the civic center for another event and it has great potential for the MCHPC 10th anniversary. Tables and chairs are included in the cost. The event would take place sometime during the month of May, which is the month of the 10-year anniversary as well as being Historic Preservation Month. The commission stated they would make sure to invite local historic groups. Mr. Calvin again encouraged the group to come up with a program for the plaques. Ms. Harrell mentioned she would like to see a slide show of some sort be put together for the celebration. Mr. Calvin said he would put a few calls in to venues that way the commission would have an idea of what cost would look like and they could narrow the location down at the October 9th meeting. Mr. Rose mentioned possibly having Mr. Keates as a presenter the day of the event.

The Commission discussed the Matlock Survey. Mr. MacSems stated that he needed to revise the timeline a little so he would have time to brief the BOCC.

- ✓ Project Initiation Date: December 2014 or January 2015
- ✓ Contractor to Provide Draft: No later than 4/30/15
- ✓ Project Completion Date: 7/31/15

Ms Neil wanted to be sure that language was included within the contract pertaining to the railroad historic context statement as well as possibly including FAQ's on the MCHPC's website that have to do with the survey. Ms Neil made a motion to amend the timeline dates and Mr. Carter second the motion. Mr. MacSems will read the news release, mail out a cover letter to contractors listed in the 2014 Preservation Trade & Consultants Directory issued by the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, as well as post it on the MCHPC's webpage.

Other Commission Discussion:

Mr. MacSems mentioned Justin Cowling was in to go through the Historic Registry to pull information regarding places in Mason County. Mr. Cowling planned on writing something up for each entry and adding them to an on-line historic resource (possibly the Historical Society's Webpage).

Next meeting date: *October 9th, 2014*

Financial Statement: N/A

Adjournment: Ms. Harrell made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Carter seconds the motion none opposed.