

Minutes
Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

June 11, 2015
Mason County Commissioners Chambers
411 N 5th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

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

County Staff: Michael MacSems and Melissa Drewry

I. Call to Order:

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

Review and approve minutes from May 14th Meeting- Mr. Calvin asked for a minor change attributed to him on page 4 regarding the Heritage Grant cycle.

No other corrections were made. Mr. Corliss made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Ms Harrell, motion carries.

Correspondence- Mr. MacSems reported that the Mason County Historical Society newsletter as well as the Washington Historic Historical Society magazine Columbia. A letter was also received from Chris Moore, Executive Director of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation supporting the addition of the Sargent Oyster House to Mason County Historic Registry. He also received a phone call from Ed Huber asking about becoming a member of the HPC.

II. New Business

Announcements- None

Sargent Oyster House Historic Registry Public Hearing- At 2:05 PM, Mr. Calvin suspended the MCHPC meeting and opened the public hearing. He explained the format of the hearing and criteria to those present.

Judy Scott, a commissioner from the Port of Allyn began by presenting a 7 minute YouTube video titled *Opening up Sargent's Oyster House*. After the video, Ms Scott discussed the history of how the Oyster House was saved from demolition and sold to the Port of Allyn. She also addressed the historical importance of the structure to the North Bay area. She went on to say that moving the structure to its temporary location cost the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Salmon Enhancement Group \$65,000. Ms Scott added that there is a hope to place the house back over the water once

restoration is done, ideally within the next 3 years. She finished her presentation by adding that the community is in support of the restoration and believes that adding the Sargent Oyster House to the historical registry would bring more attention to it. This attention could, in turn, help their fund raising attempts.

Bonnie Knight, President of the North Bay Historical Society, spoke about the journey of the oyster house, and how it was originally supposed to be destroyed. She discussed the concern of the house sitting on a temporary spot versus its final location saying it should not be an issue for the registry. Ms Knight talked about the fund raising and said that there are various grants and donors showing interest. She added that the total amount to restore the house is close to a half million dollars. Adding the structure to the Mason County Historic Registry, she believes, will assist in getting these grants approved. Ms Knight presented some handout materials for the commission, including a copy of the Memorandum of Agreement Among the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, The Washington State Historic :reservation Officer, South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group, Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, and The Port of Allyn. She also presented a petition signed by local residents in favor of adding the oyster house to the County Historic Registry.

A letter was also received from Chris Moore, Executive Director of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation supporting the listing.

At this time there was no other public comment and Mr. Calvin read the potential applicable citations from the Criteria for Determining Designation in the Register from Mason County Code 17.40.050 which states:

Criteria for Determining Designation in the Register. Any building, structure, site, object, or district may be designated for inclusion in the Mason County historic register if it is significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or cultural heritage of the community; if it has integrity; is at least fifty years old, or is of lesser age and has exceptional importance; and if it falls in at least two of the following categories:...

Ms Neil stated that she believes the oyster house does fall within the required categories. Mr. Calvin reiterated that within the requirements, the structure must fall within two categories. Currently the oyster house looks to fall in to three.

Mr. Calvin and Greg Griffith from the Washington State Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation (DAHP) discussed the details of the house, and Mr. Calvin asked if the non-permanent location is a hindrance to the possibility of adding the house to the historic register. Mr. Griffith said that the structure would not be considered at temporary location by an organization such as DAHP, but would be considered once it was placed at its permanent spot. He added that the relocation issue should not be the ending topic, but that it does need to be looked at. Mr. Griffith stated that the house has great historical value to the area and that it is important to remember that.

Mr. MacSems said he received a letter from Chris Moore at the Washington State Trust for Historic Preservation in favor of adding the oyster house to the historic register. Ms Knight also gave him a petition with community signatures in favor of the addition of the Sargent Oyster House to the Historic Registry.

Ms. Neil made a motion to recommend to the Mason County Board of Commissioners that the Sargent Oyster House be added to the Mason County Historic Register as a building based on the following criteria within the code:

- (1) Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state or local history;
- (2) Embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style, or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction;
- (4) Exemplifies or reflects special elements of the Mason County's cultural, special, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering or architectural history;

Motion seconded by Mr. Rose. All in favor, motion is carried unanimously.

At 3:12 PM Mr. Calvin closed the Sargent Oyster House Historic Registry Public Hearing and reopened the MCHPC meeting.

10th Anniversary debriefing- The members felt that all went well despite the low attendance.

Cultural Resources Debriefing- Mr. Rose commented that it was his first time at the summit, and he learned a lot. Mr. Calvin said he thought it was a great seminar and that he was able to take a lot away from it. He stated that the seminar actually gave him an idea to reach out to other historical societies in the area to perhaps get together for a round table discussion. The other members agreed that would be a good idea for the future.

2016 Budget Discussion/Financial Statement- Mr. MacSems passed out the current financial statement and discussed the fact that the County does their budget in July. The commission then discussed the budget for the end of 2015. It was agreed that for 2016 the HPC needs to be more conservative. The following budget was recommended:

- Anticipated income - \$16,000

Anticipated Expenses:

- Heritage Grant - \$20,000
- Historic Surveys- \$2,000
- Advertising- \$1,000
- Postage- \$100
- Travel- \$500

- Miscellaneous- \$2,000
- Printing- \$500
- Registration- \$1,500
- DCD Staff Time - \$10,000
- City of Shelton Revenue Share - \$2,000

Grand total = \$39,600

Mr. Carter made a motion to forward the proposed budget for 2016 to Kathy Chaussee to present to Barbara Adkins, Director of DCD, to add to her budget to present to the County Commissioners. Motion seconded by Ms. Harrell, motion passed.

Other- Mr. Corliss presented a receipt to be reimbursed for \$10.86 for a poster. Mr. Rose made a motion to reimburse Mr. Corliss for \$10.86. Motion seconded by Mr. Bariekman, motion passed.

Old Business

Allyn Days Preparation- Mr. Rose said everything is ready. The fee has already been paid, the spot is reserved, and they just need to go set up when the time comes.

Summer 2015 Heritage Grant Update- Mr. MacSems reported there were no updates and that there is currently one application. Ms Neil asked when the due date for applications was and Mr. MacSems advised it is June 30, 2015.

Matlock Historical Survey Update and Invoice Approval- Ms Neil passed out updated copies of the survey along with some maps and tables with some site information. After a discussion about the hand outs, Ms Neil said that though she's disappointed they don't have an official draft in hand, she is very happy with the data she has been given thus far and is excited to see the final product. Mr. Bariekman asked if there had been any explanation as to why no draft was done. Ms Neil said she received an e-mail on June 2nd saying that they are currently reorganizing the formatting. The deadline for the entire project is July 31, 2015. She said that she will let SWCA know that the HPC is concerned that there is sufficient time to advertise for the final public meeting. Mr. Calvin said he would be happy to put out fliers in and around Matlock to have more attendance. Mr. Corliss said he would be out in Matlock at the beginning of July and also offered to post notification.

Ms Neil presented the current invoice for \$7,262.40. Mr. MacSems asked how much would be remaining after this billing. Ms Neil said there is only about \$1,000.00 remaining.

Ms Neil made a motion to pay the invoice in the amount of \$7262.40. Motion seconded by Ms Harrell, motion passed.

Mr. MacSems noted, and the commission concurred, that given the small balance of the contract amount, that this would be the last advance payment.

Website Update- The members showed concern with the dark background on the MCHPC website. They stated that because of the dark lettering on the background it was very difficult to read. Mr. Bariiekman said that was an easy fix.

The members voiced appreciation to Mr. Bariiekman for the updated photos in the "Meet the Members" section of the website. This started a conversation about revising Mr. Bariiekman's work to include the two ex officio member from the local tribes. Mr. Calvin suggested having Mr. MacSems contact them on behalf of the HPC to see how they would like to be included in the Meet the Members section. . Mr. Bariiekman said they could either submit a photo, or he could go to them and take the photo. Mr. MacSems added that other solution may be possible if the ex officio members prefer not to use photos.

Comprehensive Plan Update- The next Planning Advisory Commission meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan Update is scheduled for July 6. Mr. Calvin said he could be present.

Other- Mr. Calvin presented a draft of the thank you letter for Kathy Chaussee. After reading it, the HPC did suggest one minor edit. The members agreed it would be best to send the letter to Barbara Adkins instead of to Ms Chaussee directly.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- Moved up to 2016 Budget Discussion

IV. Next Meeting Date July 9, 2015

V. Adjournment

At 4:36 PM Mr. Bariiekman made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Harrell, motion passed.