

Minutes
Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

October 8, 2015
Mason County Commissioners Chambers
411 N 5th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

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

Unexcused members: Jamie Bariiekman

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 September 10th Meeting- No changes were suggested. Mr. Carter made a motion to approve the September minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Corliss. All in favor, motion passed.

Correspondence-

- Fall 2015 Columbia Magazine
- September 2015 MC Historical Society newsletter
- Request from Stephanie Kramer at DAHP to comment on an archaeological excavation permit by October 21st.

II. New Business

Announcements- None

Future Historic Surveys—Discussion- Ms Neil said that the reason to begin the discussion now is because of the time it will take to begin another survey, and because the HPC would like to see about obtaining a grant from DAHP. Mr. Calvin commented that he would like to see the HPC apply for a DAHP grant to come up with a County Wide Preservation Plan, but that in order to obtain a grant, language in the Comprehensive Plan needs to be amended. This means that another reconnaissance survey or an intensive survey would not happen until 2017.

Mr. Rose suggested doing a marine study for the Hood Canal. Mr. Calvin commented that a survey was done around the North Bay area was considered Phase I, and that there are still phases that can be done. Ms Neil talked about past candidates for reconnaissance surveys which were Highway 3, South Shore, North Shore, and the North Mason area.

Mr. Rose discussed the possibility of doing a smaller "Intensive" survey as follow up on the Matlock reconnaissance survey. Ms Neil said that the Matlock Survey included the suggestion of following up by contacting owners of identified historic registry eligible properties for intensive review. Mr. Calvin said he would be willing to draft a letter to such property owners, and would bring it to the November meeting for approval. Ms Neil said she would send a contact list to Mr. Calvin.

Outreach to Shelton Historic Preservation Commission- Ms Neil pointed out that there isn't any communication between the MCHPC and the SHPC and suggested inviting them to a meeting. She added that it would be nice to reach out to them for collaboration even if it was only on an annual or semi-annual basis. Mr. Calvin said he would draft a letter and bring it to the November meeting.

Other (if any) - Mr. MacSems brought a request from DAHP for County comments for a pending archeological excavating permit. Speaking from her professional background, Ms Neil said that it was alright for the County not to respond if we don't have anything to say.

III. Old Business

Twin Firs Cemetery Update- Mr. MacSems said that as of Tuesday, October 6, Twin Firs Cemetery is on the historic registry.

Upcoming Term Expirations in November- Mr. MacSems announced that three seats on the HPC are currently being advertised. He noted that Mr. Calvin and Ms Neil both have terms expiring, for which they are reapplying for. Discussion was then had regarding Mr. Bariiekman who is no longer able to attend meetings. An e-mail conversation was had between Mr. MacSems and Mr. Bariiekman in which Mr. Bariiekman said that he needed to resign from the MCHPC for personal reasons and that he had expressed the hope that he could attend the October meeting to say goodbye (or perhaps "see you later"). Mr. Calvin and Mr. MacSems discussed the fact that Mr. Bariiekman needs to send in a formal letter of resignation.

Ongoing Discussion- Historic Preservation Round Table- Mr. Calvin asked if there was still interest in having a historic preservation round table in May. Ms Neil said that it depends on the interest level with other groups, which the other members agreed with. Mr. Calvin said he would like to have a invitation list and an agenda done by March so there is enough time to properly plan.

Discussion-Retroactive Heritage Grants- Due to workload, Mr. MacSems has been unable to complete task of creating a draft language recognizing retroactive Heritage Grants. Mr. Carter, and Ms Neil were both not in favor of the idea due to possible complications. Mr. MacSems agreed to drop this item from his to-do list.

Status of a Formal Heritage Grant Application- Due to workload, Mr. MacSems has been unable to complete task of creating a draft Heritage Grant application. The HPC

would still like to have a Heritage Grant application and they would like it to be fillable on the website. Mr. Calvin asked Mr. MacSems if he could contact the County IT department to see if this can be done. Mr. MacSems said that could be looked into, but first the form has to be created and approved by the HPC.

Website Update- With the absence of Mr. Bariiekman, the "Meet the Members" section of the MCHPC's webpage has not been updated to include the ex-officio members. Mr. MacSems commented that with the upcoming changes in membership, that section now needs to be updated anyway, but that he doesn't know who has the technical skills to accomplish this. Ms Neil noted that she still needs to provide a copy of the Squaxin Logo as previously agreed.

Comprehensive Plan Update- Ms Drewry said that the Planning Advisory Commission is still working on Chapters I & II.

Other- Mr. Corliss attended a talk at the Timberline Library in September regarding President Roosevelt's (TR) travels in Washington. He said the presentation was very informative.

Mr. Calvin presented copies of invoices for two recognition plaques that he purchased out of pocket. One was for the Mason County Historical Society's celebration of the 100th anniversary of their museum building in August 2014 and the other was presented to Stan Graham at the MCHPC's 10th Anniversary in May 2015. The amount (\$97.75) of the MCHS plaque was approved in July 2014, but the \$89.50 cost of May 2015 award has not been approved. Ms Neil made a motion to reimburse Mr. Calvin for \$89.50 for the purchase of the recognition award. Ms Harrell seconded the motion. All in favor, motion is passed.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- No financial statement available for discussion.

V. Next Meeting Date

November 12th, 2015

VI. Adjournment

At 3:15 pm, Mr. Carter made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Rose. All in favor.