

## MINUTES

**Mason County Historic Preservation Commission**  
**September 8, 2016**  
**Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room**  
**415 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Shelton, WA 98584**

**Members Present:** Marty Harrell, Stephanie Neil, Steve Rose

**Excused members:** Ed Huber, Rick Calvin

**County Staff:** Michael MacSems, Melissa Drewry

### **I. Call to Order**

*Roll Call-* Ms Harrell called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m. and roll call was done.

*Review and Approve Minutes from August 11<sup>th</sup>-* Ms Neil had one item to correct. She then made a motion to accept the August 11, 2016 minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Ms Harrell. All in favor, motion carried.

*Correspondence-*

- Mason County Historical Society Newsletter for September
- Letter of resignation from Leslie “Butch” Carter via email

### **II. New Business**

*Announcements-* Ms Neil discussed correspondence between Mr. MacSems, herself, and Mr. Calvin. She said this will be discussed during the Kamilche Cemetery update portion of the meeting.

*Presentation by Tracy Moore, City of Shelton-* Tabled to the Oct 13, 2016 meeting

*HPC Finances with Kathy Chaussee-* Mr. MacSems explained that he asked Ms Chaussee and Tracy Moore to speak at the October 13, 2016 meeting due to low attendance at this meeting.

Ms Harrell asked if the open spots had been posted. Mr. MacSems said they have not yet been posted, but advised that he would be briefing the Board of County Commissioners the following week.

Mr. Rose addressed the HPC application, which is now able to be filled in electronically. He said it worked well, despite everything being in caps.

*Kamilche Cemetery Update-* Ms Neil explained that the property is currently owned by the County, and is also listed on the County Historic Registry. She said that there

is an agreement in place between the Squaxin Island Tribe, Mason County and the Department of Transportation (DOT) to maintain the cemetery. Mr. MacSems questioned the DOT's involvement. Ms Neil said that they are involved because of the transit hub next to the Kamilche Trading Post near the casino. Ms Neil discussed all of the scotch broom and ivy that had gotten out of control in the cemetery. She showed photos of the overgrowth. Ms Neil then announced that the tribe hired someone to come in and cut the scotch broom and ivy. Photos showing the cemetery after all of the cutting was done were passed around. She said that around 2004 a survey was done of the gravesites and headstones. After removal of the brush, they found a headstone had been moved and various piles of garbage.

Ms Neil said that someone called the Mason County Journal stating the cemetery was being disturbed, and added that Mr. MacSems received a call about it as well.

*Other (if any)* - None.

### **Old Business**

*Summer Heritage Grant Status*- Mr. MacSems said that as of September 8<sup>th</sup>, the contract had been signed by all parties.

*Website Update (if any)* – Mr. Rose reiterated how useful it is to have the fillable application online.

*Continuing Review Mason County Historic Preservation Ordinance and Review Mason County Historic Preservation Commission By Laws*- Ms Neil said she was happy with what she had seen from the handouts given at the previous meeting. Because of low attendance, they decided to table the discussion until October.

*Comprehensive Plan Update*- Ms Drewry announced that the next meeting is scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> and the Planning Advisory Commission would be addressing Chapter III, which is the chapter in which the HPC would like language added.

*Other (if any)* - Mr. MacSems asked if anybody had ideas for new members. Mr. MacSems advised that with only five members, it takes three to make a quorum. Mr. Rose suggested inviting people to the meetings so they can see what the HPC does.

### **III. Other Commission Discussion**

*Financial Statement*- Ms Neil stated that though the statement shows a negative balance under Heritage Grants it is fine. She said there is still plenty left in the budget so it should not be an issue.

### **IV. Next Meeting Date October 13, 2016**

### **V. Adjournment**

At 2:43 p.m., Ms Neil made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Rose. All in favor, meeting adjourned.