

Minutes
Mason County Historic Preservation Commission
February 14, 2019
Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room
415 N. 6th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Stephanie Neil, Rick Calvin, Ed Huber, Chrissy Williams

Members Excused: Patricia Jerrells, Lorilyn Rogers, and Steve Rose

Guests: Matthew Melendez (Great Bend Music Center), Janice Vocke (Peninsula Railway & Lumberman's Museum), Jonelle Adams (Pickering Community Club), Liz Arbaugh (Mason County Historical Society), and Alex McMurry (WA State Parks)

County Staff: Michael MacSems and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to order

Roll Call- Mr. Calvin called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from January 10, 2019 – Mr. Huber noticed a typo on page 2, where grant was misspelled as gran. Ms. Neil made a motion to approve the January 10, 2019 minutes as amended. Ms. Williams seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence-

- January 2019 This Place (WA Trust for Historic Preservation)
- January 2019 Mason County Historical Society Newsletter
- Columbia Winter issue

II. New Business

Announcements – None.

Winter 2019 Heritage Grant Reviews – Mr. Calvin went over the process and members decided to review all applications before scoring.

Great Bend Music Center

Matthew Melendez presented first for the Great Bend Music Center. He explained that they were invited to perform in NYC, and he wanted it to be a piece that promoted local heritage. He contacted the Skokomish Tribe for their help with the project and learned the last of the Salish singers passed away in the 1960's and the history was thought to be lost. Then he learned that a UW ethnomusicologist had visited in the 40's and recorded their songs on wax cylinders which were located somewhere at UW. Mr. Melendez found the wax cylinders, had them digitized, and is working with a composer to create the piece they will perform. He explained that they are asking for money to commission a choral piece based on the Salish Song of Welcome that will then be performed in April at Carnegie Hall in New York City by their choir.

Ms. Neil asked in what capacity the local tribes were involved. Mr. Melendez said he has been involved with the Skokomish Tribe throughout the process as he did not feel it was his place to use their heritage without their support and involvement. He also explained that he has been in contact with the Squaxin Tribe but gave priority to the Skokomish Tribe as the wax cylinder recordings were of Skokomish singers. He also said he would love to have tribal singers join their choir to perform with them in NYC, as well as plans to have educational talks with tribal members for future performances and events.

Ms. Neil also asked if the composer was local and if the HPC were unable to fund the entire amount being asked for, if they would be able to accept or use a lesser amount. Mr. Melendez stated the composer is John Muehleisen from Seattle and said they would be grateful for any amount of money they received.

Mr. Calvin reiterated that this is a reimbursement grant and asked what end product could be provided as proof of completion. Mr. Melendez asked if the commissioned piece of music or a recording of a performance would be enough. Mr. Calvin said one of those options should be fine and if funded they would have to figure out specifics for the contract. He also confirmed that the Great Bend Music Group would not be receiving any profit from the commissioned music to which Mr. Melendez stated they are a non-profit and cannot sell the piece for profit. Mr. Calvin also reaffirmed that the local tribes are okay with the project to which Mr. MacSems replied that Kris Miller, the ex-officio officer for the tribe sent him an e-mail letter expressing tribal support.

Peninsula Railway & Lumberman's Museum

Janice Vocke explained that the Peninsula Railway & Lumberman's Museum was seeking money for a new battery and battery retainer for the 900 Simpson Locomotive in their possession. She explained that a new battery would help them be able to bring the locomotive into town for events as it is currently located in Dayton at Mill 5 which they rent from Simpson.

Ms. Williams asked how long their lease with Simpson is, to which Ms Vocke responded 30 years. Ms. Neil asked about current public access and if they have the funds currently available to buy the battery as this is a reimbursement grant, or if they would be able to raise enough money for the rest if unable to fund the entire request. Ms Vocke stated that they currently had about half of what they need in the bank to buy the battery but would fundraise for the remaining amount to purchase as well as any extra not covered by the grant if not fully funded.

Pickering Community Club

Jonelle Adams presented for the Pickering Community Club, which is asking for money to reroof the Grant School. Ms Adams explained that repairing the roof was on their capital facilities plan for after 2020 but this winter has been rough and has caused a leak moving up the need to replace the roof sooner than scheduled.

Ms. Neil questioned the materials being proposed and if the ultimate goal was to return to the original materials which prompted discussion of if it was the same as well accepted on the register or first built. Mr. Calvin also stated that if funded, the project would need to a COA and re-roofing permit.

Mason County Historical Society

Liz Arbaugh of the Mason County Historical Society explained that they are looking for money to preserve and scan their map collection. The collection is currently stored in flat drawers and at risk every time they are taken out. They would like to buy preservation materials and a scanner so they can also have digital copies.

Ms. Neil asked about the amount of money and what would be possible if only partially funded. Ms Arbaugh stated she felt like she would maybe rather have the preservation materials over the scanner at this time to keep the originals in their best quality for eventual scanning. Mr. Huber asked if they had looked into outsourcing the scanning or if that may be an option if only partially funded. Mr. MacSems asked about the size of the maps to which Ms Arbaugh responded there are many different sizes. Mr. Calvin then asked how many documents or maps there are to scan. Ms Arbaugh responded somewhere around 50-75.

Scoring

Mr. Calvin went over the point scale to refresh memories and help the guests understand what they were being rated on. The point scale is as follows:

Criteria	Points
Promotes Heritage	25 possible
Public Benefit	20 possible
Capacity to Complete	15 possible
Immediate Need	15 possible
Outcomes	10 possible
Defined Budget	10 possible
Economic Benefit	5 possible
Total:	100 possible

Scoring is as follows:

Great Bend Music Center	
Criteria	Points
Promotes Heritage	25
Public Benefit	20
Capacity to Complete	15
Immediate Need	7
Outcomes	10
Defined Budget	10
Economic Benefit	3
Total:	91

Capacity to Complete	10
Immediate Need	7
Outcomes	10
Defined Budget	4
Economic Benefit	3
Total:	77

Pickering Community Club	
Criteria	Points
Promotes Heritage	25
Public Benefit	20
Capacity to Complete	15
Immediate Need	15
Outcomes	10
Defined Budget	10
Economic Benefit	5
Total:	100

Mason County Historical Society	
Criteria	Points
Promotes Heritage	25
Public Benefit	20
Capacity to Complete	15
Immediate Need	10
Outcomes	8
Defined Budget	5
Economic Benefit	2
Total:	85

Peninsula Railway & Lumberman's Museum	
Criteria	Points
Promotes Heritage	25
Public Benefit	18

Discussion

There was some debate while discussing the Peninsula Railway & Lumberman's Museum proposal for a new battery. Mr. Calvin was unsure which category it fell under to qualify for a Heritage Grant. It was proposed as small capital project, but Mr. Calvin felt it might fit better under collections management. After reading the description, everyone agreed it was a collections management project and scored as such.

Mr. MacSems had previously recommended, due to budget changes over the years, removing the summer cycle and only having one grant cycle per year. Mr. Calvin asked everyone for their opinion in order to determine how much money was available to give. Ms. Neil supported the idea and said she would rather keep the winter cycle moving forward as its convenient timing for summer project completion. After discussing which previous grants have already been paid and which had not, it was decided there was \$11,500 in the budget for this grant cycle.

Ms. Neil stated that the Pickering Community Club should be funded in full as roofs are extremely important in preserving the rest of the structure, and they scored all 100 points. Everyone was in agreement to fund the Pickering Community Club the full requested amount of \$4,746 for a new roof for Grant School.

Everyone agreed not to fund the Peninsula Railway & Lumberman's Museum. Ms. Neil pointed out that it may not be the right time for them to apply for this type of grant considering they are a fledgling organization and don't have the means to purchase the battery outright at this time in order to be reimbursed by the grant. Ms. Williams wondered if they would be able to raise the remaining funds necessary and provide proof of purchase within the 6-month timeline.

It was then discussed how to best split the remaining \$6,754. The two options suggested were:

1. Fund Great Bend Music Center in full for \$5,000 and MCHS for \$1,754
2. Fund Great Bend Music Center for \$4,000 and MCHS for \$2,775

It was decided that option two was the better option as it would allow for the Mason County Historical Society to fully fund either the restoration items they were looking for or the scanner. Upon further discussion between members and Ms Arbaugh, it was decided the money given to MCHS would be for the purchasing of a scanner.

Ms. Neil made a motion to recommend to the BOCC the authorization of funding to the Pickering Community Club in the amount of \$4,746 for a new roof for Grant School; to Great Bend Music Center in the amount of \$4,000 for a commissioned music piece based on the Salish Song of Welcome; and to the

Mason County Historical Society in the amount of \$2,775 for the purchase of a scanner for a grand total of \$11,521. Motion was seconded by Ms. Williams. All in favor, motion carried.

Schafer State Park COA Review – Alex McMurry gave an overview of the COA application for some work needing done at Schafer State Park. There were no concerns. Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the COA application, seconded by Mr. Huber. All in favor, motion carried.

As Mr. McMurry had filled out the new COA application, Ms. Neil asked if he had any recommendations or comments. Alex stated the only thing he would change would be the section asking for the legal description. A state park's legal description is lengthy and there isn't enough room.

Indirect Fee Update with Jennifer Beierle – Postponed to March 14th.

Matlock Old Timers Festival – Upon discussion of interest level in manning a booth, it was decided there was not enough commitment at this time. Up for discussion next year.

Other (if Any) – Mr. MacSems mentioned that the early bird admission for the CRL summit was available. He has put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Old Business

Update on Possible DAHP CLG Training Session with Kim Gant – Kim Gant is scheduled to be at the March meeting for a 2-hour CLG training/workshop. Mr. MacSems confirmed HPC members still wanted to participate and that the date was okay. Mr. MacSems said that he would get in touch with Ms Gant to make sure that the training was still on for March 14th and that she had all of the materials that she needed from the County.

Education Initiative Update (if any) – None.

Heritage Preservation Plan (if any) – None.

Discuss the Inventory of County Owned Historic Properties (if any) – Ms. Neil went through the previous appraisal of county owned historic properties and compiled the information into an excel spreadsheet. Once all the material was entered, there were some obvious holes in the data. Specifically, many properties were missing built dates and there were some properties and buildings missing. Ms. Neil stated it was a good start for the commission to have a proper inventory.

Other (if any) – Mr. Calvin stated he had added the suggested changes to the grant guidelines and COA application. Per Alex's recommendation to re-assess the legal description on the COA application the HPC discussed options to clarify or

remove the section. It was decided to remove legal description from the COA as a parcel number would be sufficient. Ms. Neil made a motion to approve the COA with discussed changes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Huber. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Calvin said he would update the Heritage Grant guidelines to remove the summer cycle as discussed previously and would bring it to the next meeting for approval.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- HPC reviewed the statement for January 2019. They mentioned no indirect cost had been taken out for 2019 yet.

IV. Next Meeting Date March 14, 2019

V. Adjournment

At 4:48 p.m. Ms. Neil made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Williams. All in favor, meeting adjourned.