

Minutes
Mason County Historic Preservation Commission
December 12, 2019
Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room
415 N. 6th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Rick Calvin, Steve Rose, Russ Sackett, Ed Huber, Stephanie Neil,
and Chrissy Williams

Members Excused: Dave Dally

County Staff: Michael MacSems and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to order

Roll Call- Mr. Calvin called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from November 14, 2019 – Mr. Huber clarified during the Oyster Plant Section 106 update, that rather than the applicant being involved in writing the article for Historylink, they would be able to review prior to the article being posted. Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the November 14, 2019 minutes as amended. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sackett. All were in favor with Mr. Calvin abstaining due to being absent. Motion carried.

Correspondence-

- Email from Jean Bray regarding Camp Hohobas

II. New Business

Announcements – Mr. MacSems stated the display case in Building 1 had been removed, so they would not be able to put together a display for Historic Preservation month next year.

Elect 2020 Officers – Mr. Calvin began by asking if anyone was interested in being an officer. Ms. Neil asked Mr. Calvin if he was still willing to be Chair for another year. Mr. Calvin stated he would if no one else wanted to and mentioned it would probably be his last term. Ms. Neil then made a motion to nominate Mr. Calvin for Chair. Motion was seconded by Mr. Huber. All in favor, motion carried.

Moving on to nominating a Vice Chair, Mr. Huber stated he felt Mr. Sackett would be a good choice and made a motion to nominate Mr. Sackett for Vice Chair. Motion was seconded by Ms. Williams. Mr. Sackett accepted the nomination. All in favor, motion carried.

Mason County Historic House/Place of Interest Plaque Program – Mr. Calvin stated he would like to put together a program for the 2020 Historic Preservation month to give plaques to places and homes of historical interest throughout Mason County. The plaques were made in 2011 ago and few have been distributed since the initial interest. He would like to create a process for distributing these plaques, with the intent of giving them to places that don't

necessarily meet the criteria for the Historical Register but are still important historical sites.

Everyone seemed agreeable to the idea. Discussion was had regarding needing an application for it and to not to be considered gifting, as well as a set of criteria so not just any property could get a plaque. Mr. Calvin said he would work on putting together an outline for an application.

Other (if any) – None.

Old Business

Update on Shelton Oyster Plant/Army Corps Section 106 Update – No update. Next conference call is December 19.

Ongoing Indirect Fee Discussion – Mr. MacSems stated when he brought the news release for the Heritage Grant to the BOCC he had mentioned the issue. After that, he received notice that at the next BOCC briefing, they were going to be discussing the situation with Jennifer Beierle and the option for moving historic preservation funds from a standalone account to being under the umbrella of the Dept of Community Services so as to avoid being charged the indirect fee.

At the BOCC meeting, the Commissioners seemed to understand the issue and agreed to let the historic preservation account be moved. It was still uncertain if it could be done in time for 2020, but for sure by 2021 the HPC won't be paying the indirect fee.

2020 Heritage Grant Cycle Update – Mr. MacSems stated the news release was in this week's paper with the \$500 award limit. The news release did not state how many grants would be awarded so if more money is available, they can award multiple grants.

Other (if any) – None.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- HPC reviewed the November financial statement. Everything was in order. Mr. Calvin mentioned they had taken in almost \$1,000 above the estimated annual income and were under budget on several line items for the year, putting them in a good place for the next year.

Other - Mr. Rose wondered if they would be able to ask for the money back that had already gone to the indirect fee. During discussion it was brought up that the money already paid was gone and asking for it back could aggravate the situation as the BOCC was not obligated to move the historic preservation fund to a place that avoids being charged the indirect fee.

IV. Next Meeting Date January 9, 2019

V. Adjournment

At 2:49 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Neil.
All in favor, meeting adjourned.