

Minutes
Mason County Historic Preservation Commission
January 9, 2020
Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room
415 N. 6th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Rick Calvin, Steve Rose, Russ Sackett, Dave Dally, and Chrissy Williams

Members Excused: Ed Huber, Stephanie Neil

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 December 12, 2019 – Mr. Sackett made a motion to approve the minutes from December 12, 2019. Motion was seconded by Ms. Williams. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence-

- Email from Jean Bray regarding Camp Hohobas
- Fall 2019 Alliance Review

II. New Business

Announcements – Mr. Calvin thanked Mr. Rose for his time as Vice Chair, and thanked Mr. Sackett for stepping into the role.

May is Historic Preservation Month – In the past MCHPC had promoted and participated in events for Historic Preservation Month. Mr. Sackett mentioned having the BOCC issue a decree, and the possibility of making a poster. Everyone liked the idea of a poster and Mr. Sackett offered to make a draft for the next meeting. Mr. Calvin said he would work on drafting a decree.

There was also mention of looking into partnering with other parties that might be interested, such as the Mason County Historical Society, schools, and the Journal. Mr. Rose mentioned partnering with the County on preservation efforts. Mr. Calvin stated the work Ms. Neil is doing on going through the inventory of county owned properties is a first step to working with the county, in identifying which properties need the most attention.

Other (if any) – Mr. MacSems brought up the 2020 calendar. The NAPC 2020 is July 22-26. He asked if anyone was interested in going to the Cultural Resources Summit. Mr. Dally said he may be interested and would look at the dates and topics. There was also conversation about doing a booth at Matlock Days. There seemed to be enough interest to be able to staff a booth and Mr. Calvin said he would reach out to see if they would be able to get a space.

Old Business

Update on Shelton Oyster Plant/Army Corps Section 106 Update – Mr. MacSems stated he had received an email from Mr. Huber with a third draft of the MOA.

There was confusion about if it was ready to go to the BOCC for signatures and the transfer of artifacts through MCHPC to the Sargant Oyster House. Next conference call is January 16 and Mr. Sackett said he would get clarification. Mr. MacSems also stated that Mr. Sackett had agreed to brief the BOCC with him.

Mason County Historic House/Place of Interest Plaque Program – Mr. Calvin gave a recap of the idea from the last meeting and had guideline examples from Anacortes. The paperwork from Anacortes included a guide for where to go to find the information and records needed on the application.

There was discussion about needing eligibility standards in order to receive a plaque and what those standards might entail. Mr. Sackett stated he would like to have historic integrity as factor and Ms. Williams agreed. Mr. Calvin explained his intent is to build information and grow interest, and for the program to be a steppingstone for being on the register. He agreed that there needs to be eligibility standards, but they shouldn't be as in depth as the standards to be on the register. Ms. Williams asked what would be done with the information gathered. Building a database and/or providing the information to the state were mentioned as options.

Ongoing Indirect Fee Discussion – MCHPC reviewed the December financial statement to see if anything was indicated on it about the Indirect Fee. Mr. MacSems and Mr. Calvin said they have had no update since the last meeting. Mr. Calvin stated he would like to keep the topic on the agenda for the next few months in order to keep track of.

Mr. Dally asked about the 2020 budget and how they had come up with the numbers they did. Mr. Calvin explained the effect of the Indirect Fee and that when planning the 2020 budget, they had planned for the Indirect Fee as they didn't know what would happen or how much would be taken out. He further explained that they have the authority to move funds between different line items as needed.

2020 Heritage Grant Cycle Update – Mr. MacSems stated one application had been received and that it was asking for more than the \$500 limit. After reaching out to the applicants, they were still interested in applying for the lower amount. The closing date for the 2020 Heritage Grant cycle is January 17th, and the applications will be reviewed at the February 13th meeting.

Other (if any) – Mr. Calvin asked for the inventory of county owned properties be put back on the agenda for the next meeting to get an update from Ms. Neil.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- HPC reviewed the December financial statement. See above indirect fee conversation.

IV. Next Meeting Date February 13, 2020

V. Adjournment

At 3:15p.m. Mr. Dally made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Williams. All in favor, meeting adjourned. Before leaving Mr. MacSems gave a brief review of the 2019 Annual CLG Report for DAHP.