

Minutes
Mason County Historic Preservation Commission
March 11, 2021
via Zoom
415 N. 6th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Russ Sackett, Ed Huber, Steve Rose, Wayne Nicholson, Jann Goodpaster, and Rick Calvin

Excused: Dave Dally

County Staff: Michael MacSems and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to Order

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

Review and Approve Minutes from February 11, 2021 – Mr. Calvin stated there appeared to be a missing page to the copy sent out for review. Mr. MacSems said he would re-send the minutes and they could be approved at the next meeting. Mr. Calvin, also pointed out a typo in the last sentence of the section about the plaque program.

Correspondence- None

II. New Business

Announcements/Check In- Mr. MacSems mentioned that he will be absent from the April meeting.

Review Heritage Grant Completion Report from LWV – Having reviewed the provided completion report prior to the meeting, there were no comments. Mr. Sackett made a motion to approve the grant in the amount of \$500. Motion was seconded by Ms. Goodpaster. All in favor, motion carried.

2021 Heritage Grant Status Update – Mr. MacSems stated the BOCC would be approving the 2021 Heritage Grant the following Tuesday, March 16.

Other (if any) – Mr. Calvin reminded everyone that May is Historic Preservation Month. He mentioned creating some kind of program for an annual award along the lines of “Preservationist of the Year.” He stated it’s probably a little late to do for 2021 but could be something to put together for future years.

Through discussion, HPC members liked the idea, and agreed that there wouldn’t be time to do anything for this year. There were several logistical questions regarding teaming up with other historic groups in Mason County as well as the public. It was decided to put on future agendas in order to track and keep up the discussion.

Old Business

Jones Family Cemetery Discussion (if any) – Ms. Goodpaster gave a brief update, stating she had reached out to a family member who passed on to her the information of an uncle that may know more. She hadn't had the chance to call but was hoping to in the next week.

To make sure everyone was on the same page about their goals regarding the site and putting it on the county register, Ms. Goodpaster asked for confirmation on what she should be asking the family. The main question everyone agreed on was to find out if the family would like to be involved in the process, and to find out if they had any documentation, photos, or memories they would like to share with them.

FY 22 DAHP Grant Update – Mr. Sackett gave an update on what he had been working on. He recommended putting off the application for another year and using current funds to begin the process of funding a Historic Preservation Plan, giving them a better chance to be awarded funding in the future.

Mr. Huber and Ms. Goodpaster mentioned they attended an online training from DAHP providing tips on the application process. The main take away they had was due to the application being due in April, there isn't enough time to get a good application together for this year, agreeing with Mr. Sackett's conclusion.

It was then decided to include the topic on future agendas under Old Business in order to continue working on formatting a HPP, and applying for the next DAHP grant cycle.

Mason County Historic House/Place of Interest Plaque Program (if any) – Mr. Calvin provided a draft letter for review explaining the project and asking for interest in participating from other local historical groups. Mr. Sackett inquired about the public outreach, particularly how they would identify which groups to contact, as well as the possibility of participation in creating the program from the general public. Mr. Calvin explained he had a list of e-mails gathered from a previous roundtable of local historical groups and members of the public who may be interested. Also, once the program is in place, a news release can be made to inform the public of the opportunity to participate in the program. He stated for the next meeting, he would provide a draft e-mail, along with a list of e-mails for review and approval.

Cultural Resources Protection Summit – Mr. MacSems stated the draft agenda had been posted for members to look at and decide their interest level. A decision on attendance will need to be made at the April meeting.

Other (if any) – None.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- The statement for March 2021 was reviewed. Mr. Calvin mentioned the amount to the City of Shelton seemed a little high. Mr. MacSems

explained it was a quarterly payment, accounting for the amount. The contract between the City and MCHPC was then discussed and explained to new members. Otherwise, everything seemed in order.

IV. Next Meeting Date: April 8, 2021