

Minutes
Mason County Historic Preservation Commission
May 13, 2021
via Zoom
415 N. 6th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Rick Cavin, Ed Huber, Steve Rose, Wayne Nicholson, Jann Goodpaster, and Dave Dally

County Staff: Michael MacSems and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to Order

Roll Call- Mr. Calvin called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from April 8, 2021 – Mr. Nicholson made a motion to accept the minutes from April 8 as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Huber. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence- E-mail from Alison Nelson-Robertson

II. New Business

Announcements/Check In- Mr. MacSems stated he was back working in the office full time rather than working remotely.

Recent Resignations, discussion of new openings on the commission and emergency election of Chair and Vice Chair- Mr. Sackett and Mr. Calvin had officially put in resignations since the last meeting. Mr. Sackett had resigned effective immediately, making the April 8th meeting his last while this would be Mr. Calvin's last meeting. Everyone wished them well and thanked both for their service and expertise brought to the committee.

As Mr. Calvin and Mr. Sackett were Chair and Vice-Chair, new officers needed to be selected. Mr. Huber volunteered to be the interim Chair for the remaining of Mr. Calvin's term. A motion was made by Ms. Goodpaster to approve Mr. Huber as Chair, seconded by Mr. Nicholson. All in favor, motion carried. Mr. Rose then made a motion to nominate Ms. Goodpaster for Vice-Chair, which was accepted by Ms. Goodpaster. The motion was seconded by Mr. Huber. All in favor, motion carried.

On a related note, Mr. MacSems reminded everyone that there are now two open seats, with two terms expiring later this year. Mr. MacSems stated that with the last round of applications, the BOCC had interviewed a Micah Sanders and suggested requesting having him appointed without having to apply again. Then when the two terms expire later in the year, they can advertise the remaining open positions.

Possible Resumption of In-Person Meetings?– Mr. MacSems inquired as to the interest of resuming in-person meetings with COVID-19 restrictions lifting and

more people getting vaccinated. The general consensus was that hybrid meetings would be the most effective, letting those who can attend in person to do so, while also having the option of being able to call in. Mr. MacSems said he would look into it some more by checking availability of the conference room and current guidelines.

Formally approve the cost of Jann Goodpaster's registration for the Cultural Resources Summit – At the April meeting, Ms. Goodpaster's attendance at the Cultural Resources Summit was discussed, but it was not formally voted on to approve the \$150 registration fee. Mr. Huber made a motion to approve the expenditure, seconded by Mr. Nicholson. All in favor, motion carried.

Other (if any) – There was brief discussion regarding the e-mail received from Alison Nelson-Robertson which was pushed to discuss at the end of the meeting in case she was able to join the meeting.

Old Business

Jones Family Cemetery Discussion (if any) – Ms. Goodpaster stated she had been in contact with Fred Jones. While he said he didn't know too much about the graves and who is buried there, he had no objections to the MCHPC moving forward with an historical designation and would like to be kept in the loop on what happens.

Moving forward, the next steps would be for the MCHPC to gather information and fill out the application to have the cemetery put on the register as if they were any other applicant. Following completion of the application, there will need to be a public hearing before going to the BOCC for final approval.

Mason County Historic Preservation Award Program – As Mr. Calvin had brought up reinstating this program last meeting, he said he would be putting a flash drive together with documents for various HPC projects, including this one, that they could use moving forward.

Historic Preservation Plan and FY 23 DAHP Grant Update – Mr. Sackett had been spearheading putting together a draft but had not provided an update before his resignation.

Mason County Historic House/Place of Interest Plaque Program (if any) – Mr. Calvin stated he would provide a file with all the forms and contacts he had compiled to pass along so that they could continue planning the project.

Other (if any) – Circling back to the correspondence from Alison Nelson-Robertson, she had provided some history about a cabin on Arcadia Point and was inquiring about potential preservation opportunities as the owners are possibly considering demolition. Mr. Calvin stated the Heritage Grant could provide funds for surveying and recording (but the applicant would need to be a non-profit organization) and would encourage Ms. Nelson-Robertson to reach out to the private property owners about applying.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement – Mr. MacSems and Mr. Calvin noted that there seemed to be a roughly \$13k increase in total revenue that they were unsure of. While everything seemed in order, the amount stood out. Mr. MacSems said he would double check with Kathy that it was correct, but also stated that the budget for this year was purposefully conservative compared to previous years. Also, as stated by Mr. Calvin, monthly revenues have been up in the last year.

IV. Next Meeting Date: June 10th, 2021

V. Adjournment

At 2:53 p.m. Mr. Dally made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Huber. All in favor, meeting adjourned.