

Minutes
Mason County Historic Preservation Commission
June 10, 2021
via Zoom
Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Ed Huber, Wayne Nicholson, Micah Sanders, Jann Goodpaster, and Dave Dally

Absent: Steve Rose

County Staff: Michael MacSems and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to Order

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

Review and Approve Minutes from May 13, 2021 – Mr. Nicholson made a motion to accept the minutes from May 13th as written. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dally. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence- None.

II. New Business

Announcements/Check In- Ms. Goodpaster mentioned that the Historical Museum currently has a display featuring the movie Ring of Fire which was filmed in Mason County. The Museum is currently open 10 – 4 on Tues-Sat.

Introduction of New Member and Recruitment Update – Mr. Huber welcomed Micah Sanders as the newest member of the MCHPC. Mr. MacSems then gave an update on open positions. After Mr. Calvin and Mr. Sackett stepped down, and with Ms. Goodpaster’s term expiring, a news release went out stating there are three positions open. Ms. Goodpaster re-applied for her position, and as Mike had previously applied, he was appointed to one of the open seats. Hopefully, there will be at least one more applicant before Mr. MacSems goes back to the BOCC to present Ms Goodpaster’s re-application.

Report back from the Cultural Resources Summit – Ms. Goodpaster gave a brief overview of the Cultural Resources Summit. She said the overall theme was communication and collaboration with the local tribal historic preservation officers (THPO). She confirmed with Mr. MacSems that there are ex-officio officers of the MCHPC from both Squaxin and Skokomish Tribes. Mr. MacSems stated that while they don’t often respond or participate, they are copied on all correspondence and invited to all meetings.

Ms. Goodpaster stated one of her favorite presentations was from a Geo-archaeologist, who talked about the similarities in artifacts and rocks regarding what they can tell us about history. She also mentioned the strangeness of the virtual environment, but that she overall really enjoyed the experience.

Other (if any) – None.

Old Business

Jones Family Cemetery Discussion (if any) – Ms. Goodpaster said she had printed the application for the Mason County Historical Register but had yet to fill anything out.

Historic Preservation Plan and FY 23 DAHP Grant Update – Mr. MacSems had sent out a list of contractors (that he had received from DAHP) to look into for this project and that he had no updates from Mr. Sackett since his resignation.

Mr. Huber said he would look into what they would need to put together and also take a look through previously awarded grants. He said he hoped to have an update ready for the next meeting on the next steps moving forward.

Mason County Historic House/Place of Interest Plaque Program (if any) – As Mr. Calvin had been the lead on this project, Mr. Huber asked if someone else felt like taking it over, or if they felt like going in a different direction. Ms. Goodpaster stated she had talked with Sue Stanley of the Matlock Historical Society, who was interested in participating, but wasn't sure what they could provide. Mr. Calvin had talked about a meeting with other local historical groups to discuss collaboration and potential participation in finding houses for the program. Ms. Goodpaster said she could begin working on putting a meeting together and said she would send out a list of contacts she is aware of, and for everyone else to add anyone she may not have on her list by the next meeting.

Resumption of In-Person Meetings? – Mr. MacSems said he had confirmed the conference room had the equipment available to return to in person meetings with the option of remote participation as well. With the changing regulations, he said the July meeting may be able to be held in person or as a hybrid and he would keep everyone updated.

Other (if any) – Mr. Huber mentioned he had researched the house on Arcadia Point from the May meeting and was unable to find any information in DAHP's records. Mr. MacSems said he was going to reach out after the last meeting to tell them they could apply for a grant, but then realized they weren't a non-profit and therefore unqualified. He communicated that with Ms. Nelson-Robertson and she had sent a picture of the structure to share with the group.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement – Mr. MacSems said he spoke with Kathy Chaussee about the possibly discrepancy with the previous statement and she had assured him it was correct. Otherwise, everything seemed in order. Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the financial statement as presented, seconded by Mr. Sanders. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Next Meeting Date: July 8th, 2021

V. Adjournment

At 2:39 p.m. Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Goodpaster. All in favor, meeting adjourned.