

Draft Minutes

Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

April 14, 2022

Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room

415 N. 6th Street
Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Ed Huber, Jann Goodpaster, and Dave Dally

Excused: Wayne Nicholson

County Staff: Malissa Paulsen and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to order

Roll Call- Mr. Huber called the meeting to order at 2:14 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes from March 10, 2022 – Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to approve the March 10, 2022 minutes as presented. Mr. Dally seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence-

- MCHS Newsletter
- Columbia Magazine

II. New Business

Announcements – Ms. Goodpaster mentioned that the Mason County Historical Society held a very successful Women and their Story event focused on women leaders of Mason County. Over 125 people attended the event and of the 7 women honored, 5 had familial representation at the event.

Ms. Goodpaster also stated she had spoken with Toni Smith who is interested in joining the commission.

Heritage Grant Update & Chair Signature– Ms. Paulsen told the commission that the BOCC had approved the Heritage Grants and the final step before sending them off to the award recipients was for Mr. Huber to sign. Mr. Huber signed the contracts and gave them back to Ms. Paulsen to send out.

Other (if Any) – Ms. Goodpaster stated she heard that the Diesen family was getting ready to demolish an old structure that could be of interest to the commission. The structure served as lodging for loggers in the area and has been owned by the family for many years. As the structure is not on the local register, Ms. Goodpaster didn't think they could do much besides possibly gathering documentation of the structure over the years for preservation.

Mr. Huber stated the family would need to apply for a demolition permit and wondered about what authority the commission had to ask for pictures or documents as the structure is not on the register. After saying he would investigate the regulations, Ms. Goodpaster mentioned she knows the groundskeeper and could try to get touch with the family as well as possibly schedule a field trip to the site for the commission to look around and take photos.

Old Business

Union Pioneer Cemetery – The discussion from March was passed along and the Union Pioneer Cemetery can be taken off the agenda.

Jones Family Cemetery– Ms. Paulsen stated the family of the adjacent property has been in contact with the county about obtaining an easement through the county owned parcel with the possible graves. The County Administrator, Mark Neary, had contacted Ms. Paulsen to see if the commission could put into writing their stance on granting an easement. Mr. Huber asked that Mark provide a formal request to the commission with what exactly he’s asking of them so that they can properly form a response.

Historic Preservation Plan and FY 23 DAHP Grant Update – Ms. Goodpaster had reviewed old minutes and found no formal Historic Preservation Plan but did find a list of houses and sites that were of interest to the commission as well as areas they had designated for study. She suggested a comparison of the list she found to the current register as she believed many of those sites have since been added. With no previous formal plan and the research done on other comparably sized jurisdictions, discussion turned to the need for a formal plan and what to do moving forward as the topic for the next meeting.

Historic Preservation Website Update – No Update.

Other (if any) – Mr. Dally asked for an update on the Historical Plaque program. Ms. Goodpaster stated she had had scheduled a meeting, but it was cancelled as several people were unable to attend last minute and was in the process of rescheduling. Mr. Dally questioned the need to continue to collaborate with other organizations after struggling with scheduling a meeting. Ms. Goodpaster explained that Mr. Sackett felt it was very important to include other local organizations in the process of forming the program in order to have them help identify sites and interested peoples. Ms. Goodpaster agreed to give scheduling a meeting one more go and then it made the most sense to continue the discussion within the commission at a regular meeting.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- HPC reviewed the statement for March 2022. Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Dally. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Next Meeting Date May 12, 2022

V. Adjournment

At 3:11 p.m. Mr. Huber called the meeting adjourned.

To Do:

Ms. Goodpaster

- Contact caretaker of Diesen House about site visit and photos
- Reschedule Meeting for Historical Plaque Program

Mr. Huber

- Look into regulations on demolition permits

Ms. Paulsen

- Add Diesen House to Agenda
- Formal request from Mark Neary
- Re-Add Plaque Program to Agenda