

Draft Minutes

Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

December 8, 2022

Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room

415 N. 6th Street

Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Ed Huber, Caleb Cowles, Jann Goodpaster, Dave Dally, and Steven Bass

Absent: Bill Jensen (excused)

County Staff: Michael MacSems, Luke Viscusi, and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to order

Roll Call- Mr. Huber called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Noted that Mr. Jensen attempted to login remotely, but it didn't work.

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

Correspondence- November MCHS Newsletter
WA State Historical Society Model Train Exhibit

II. New Business

Announcements/Check In – Ms. Goodpaster mentioned that the McReavy House would be hosting a Christmas event on the 18th.

Other (if Any) – Mr. Viscusi had done some research into potential grant opportunities that the commission could get involved in. Ideas were brainstormed but nothing definitive.

Mr. Bass said he had received a large amount of documentation on the Middle Skokomish School. He shared the documents with Mr. Viscusi and Ms. Goodpaster.

Old Business

2023 Heritage Grant Status Update – Mr. MacSems stated the news release had been sent out and that the due date for applications is Friday, January 20th. He also updated the status of the outstanding 2022 grants. MCHS still needs to turn in a completion report for \$700, and the Great Peninsula Conservancy needs to turn in a completion report for \$2,000.

Historic Preservation Website Update – A photo from Mr. Bass, but Mr. Bass would rather not and that is okay.

Historic Preservation Plaque Program – Mr. Huber still needed to make a few minor changes to the document before sending it to be put on the website. Next step is to draft a press release, which Mr. Viscusi volunteered for. Ms. Goodpaster said the Museum could have some applications to hand out, and Mr. Cowles said he was talking with the Assessor’s office about having some to hand out.

Other (if any) – Mr. Cowles had looked into the tax incentive program that Michelle Thompson had talked about at the previous meeting. He hadn’t found any local specific programs but now understood the state one better. Any site on the register can receive a tax incentive at 25% for 10 years, and the local CLG can extend twice for 7 years, for a total of 24 years. He was still unsure if it the site only needed to be on the CLG’s register, or the state.

Mr. MacSems reminded the group that the DAHP annual report for CLG’s would be coming out soon and is due in January.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- HPC reviewed the statement for November 2022. Mr. Bass made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Cowles. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. MacSems said that this would be his last meeting as HPC staff and wished all the members well. The members expressed their appreciation of Mr. MacSems’ service to the HPC.

IV. Next Meeting Date: January 12, 2023

V. Adjournment

At 2:57 p.m. Mr. Huber called the meeting adjourned.

To Do:

- Mr. MacSems/Mr. Viscusi – Add 2023 Election of Officers to Agenda for January
 - Mr. Huber – Make updates to plaque program application and send to Mariah