

Draft Minutes

Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

January 12, 2023

Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room

415 N. 6th Street

Shelton, WA 98584

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

County Staff: Luke Viscusi and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to order

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

Review and Approve Minutes from December 8, 2022 – Mr. Dally made a motion to approve the December 8, 2022, minutes as presented. Mr. Cowles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence- December MCHS Newsletter
Columbia Magazine – Winter Edition

II. New Business

Announcements/Check In – Mr. Viscusi stated that the 2022 Heritage Grants that had requested an extension are due on March 29th, and applications for the 2023 Heritage Grant are due on January 20th.

Mr. Huber brought up the recommendations from Michelle Thompson at DAHP regarding updating the CLG guidelines. The main change would allow for special tax valuation for both local and nationally registered sites, instead of just local. Mr. Cowles followed with his research on tax incentives within Mason County and specifically regarding granges and if they would qualify.

2023 Election of Officers – Mr. Dally nominated Mr. Huber for Chair and Ms. Goodpaster for Vice Chair. Mr. Huber and Ms. Goodpaster accepted their nominations. Mr. Cowles made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Dally. All in favor, motion carried.

Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Annual Report – Mr. Viscusi stated he had filled out and submitted the report with guidance from Mr. MacSems.

Other (if Any) – Mr. Cowles had run across a weird parcel owned by the county with a cemetery on it and wanted to bring it to the HPC’s attention. The property was the Jones Family Cemetery previously researched and discussed by the HPC and he and other new members were given an overview of their previous involvement.

Mr. Viscusi asked if there were any trainings or conferences he should be aware of that the HPC have previously attended. The two main ones were NAPC and Cultural Resources Summit and he said he would keep an eye out for their announcements.

Old Business

2023 Heritage Grant Status Update – Mr. Viscusi said currently no applications had been received but he had been in talks with Mason General Hospital about a possible project.

Historic Preservation Plaque Program – Mr. Huber had made the corrections and sent to Mr. Viscusi who had the new release ready to go as soon as he is told to do so. They confirmed that applications will be available on the HPC website, the Assessor’s Office, and the MCHS Museum.

Tax Incentive Update – See above conversation.

Other (if any) – None.

III. Other Commission Discussion

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

IV. Next Meeting Date: February 9, 2023

V. Adjournment

At 2:35 p.m. Mr. Huber called the meeting adjourned.

To Do:

- Mr. Cowles – Continue to research possibility of tax-exempt granges
- Mr. Viscusi – Research conferences/trainings for 2023
- Mr. Viscusi – Finalize Plaque Program Application (send to Commission, print out and bring to various locations, send News Release to BOCC)
- Mr. Viscusi – Send submitted Heritage Grant applications to Commission members with rubric
- Mr. Viscusi – Talk with Michelle from DAHP about examples of Special Tax Valuation throughout the state, as well as possible language to utilize for the Ordinance