

Draft Minutes

**Mason County Historic Preservation Commission
December 14, 2023
Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room
415 N. 6th Street
Shelton, WA 98584**

Members Present: Ed Huber, Caleb Cowles, Jan Goodpaster Bill Jensen, Dave Dally, and Andi Exo

County Staff: Luke Viscusi and Mariah Frazier

Guest: Michael MacSems

I. Call to order

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

Review and Approve Minutes from November 9, 2023 – Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to approve the November 9, 2023, minutes as presented. Mr. Cowles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence-

- MCHS Newsletter for December
- MCHS Fund Drive Brochure
- Columbia Magazine Winter 2023 Edition

II. New Business

Announcements/Check In – Ms. Goodpaster stated the new Meurer photo exhibit at the museum was open.

Michael MacSems – Mr. MacSems came to the meeting as he retires at the end of the month. MCHPC members thanked him for his time staffing the commission and his expertise.

As Mr. MacSems has been cleaning out and organizing his office, he came across several aerial photo series of the county he thought MCHPC would be interested in looking at and that he was trying to find a new home for them. Ms. Goodpaster said the Museum would be glad to take them.

Select Officers for 2024 – Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to retain Mr. Huber as Chair. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cowles, who then made a motion to retain Ms. Goodpaster as Vice Chair. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jensen. Mr. Huber and Ms. Goodpaster accepted their nominations. All in favor, motions carried.

Mr. Huber asked Mr. Viscusi for an update from the BOCC on reappointment and the extension of Ms. Exo's term. Mr. Viscusi stated the BOCC approved reappointment of Mr. Huber, and Ms. Exo's term was extended to end November 2026.

HPC Year in Review – Mr. Viscusi had compiled a list of items accomplished by the MCHPC throughout 2023. The list consisted of:

January

- ◆ Luke Viscusi took over as staff.

February

- ◆ Launched the Historic Building, Structure, or Place Plaque Program

March

- ◆ Heritage Grants were awarded totaling \$22,000.
- ◆ Heritage Grant projects from 2022 that received extensions were completed, totaling \$2,602.64.

April

- ◆ Steve Bass resigned from the HPC.

May

- ◆ Luke Viscusi and Caleb Cowles attended the Cultural Resources Protection Summit
- ◆ Caleb Cowles was retained on the HPC with approval of the BOCC.

June

- ◆ Andrea Exo was appointed to the HPC.

July

- ◆ A proposed 2024 budget of \$36,000 was agreed upon.

August

- ◆ Luke Viscusi received a scholarship to attend NAPC Summer Short Course.

September

- ◆ Luke Viscusi and Jan Goodpaster attended the art unveiling at the Hoodspout Clinic.
- ◆ Place of Historic Significance Plaque was awarded to 321 SE Craddick Rd.

October

- ◆ 4 Heritage Grant projects were completed, totaling \$17,000.

November

- ◆ Ed Huber was re-appointed to the HPC.
- ◆ Andrea Exo's term on the HPC was extended to November 2026.
- ◆ The 2024 Heritage Grant cycle was opened.
- ◆ Place of Historic Significance Plaque was awarded to 160 N Old Mill Hill Rd.

Other (if Any) – Mr. Viscusi stated a coworker brought to his attention that Lake Cushman Dam #1 had applied for permits for repairs and it was flagged as possibly needing a Certificate of Appropriateness. He had looked into it and stated they didn't need one at this time but may need one for any work done on the tramway in the future.

Mr. Huber asked him to confirm with Lake Cushman that the tramway won't be affected by the repair work.

Mr. Dally asked if anyone knew anything about a 100 year old farm on Arcadia, roughly two miles out, and if it would be eligible for a plaque. Mr. Cowles said he would do some research and try to contact the property owners.

Michael asked if there had been any updates on the Diesen House. Ms. Goodpaster said there were no updates, and she believed the family still intended to demolish it.

Mr. Viscusi said he had been reached out to by an Eagle Scout group that was interested in getting the Fire District 13 Station some historical recognition. Mr. Viscusi informed them of the Plaque Program as they had a deadline.

Old Business

2024 Heritage Grant Application Period Opening – Mr. Viscusi stated the 2024 Heritage Grant Application Period was open.

Plaque Program Update – Mr. Viscusi said he had met with the owner of 160 N Old Hill Rd and presented them their plaque. He also received the requested additional information request from 171 Captain James Pl and would reach out to schedule a time to present their plaque. Mr. Huber asked that when Mr. Viscusi meets with the property owner, to encourage them to reach out to DAHP to get on the State Register.

Middle Skokomish School/Skokomish Grange Update – Mr. Viscusi asked for proof from the Grange that they are a certified non-profit in order to apply for a Heritage Grant.

Other (if any) – None.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- HPC reviewed the statement for December 2023. Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Dally. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Next Meeting Date: January 11, 2024

V. Adjournment

At 3:06 p.m. Mr. Huber called the meeting adjourned.

To Do:

- Mr. Viscusi
 - Refer Cushman Dam contact to DAHP and have them explain what was damaged.
 - Complete application packet for 171 NE Captain James Ln.

- Coordinate with Mr. Cowles to award 171 NE Captain James Ln with a Plaque.
- Provide DAHP contact info to 171 NE Captain James Ln.
- Coordinate with Mariah regarding scanning HPC documents.

- Mr. Cowles
 - Research and try to contact the property owners of Arcadia farm.
 - Coordinate with Mr. Viscusi to award 171 NE Captain James Ln with a Plaque.