

Draft Minutes

Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

April 11, 2024

Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room

415 N. 6th Street

Shelton, WA 98584

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

Guest: Ray Kimbel

County Staff: Luke Viscusi and Mariah Frazier

I. Call to order

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

Review and Approve Minutes from March 14, 2024 –Mr. Dally made a motion to approve the March 14, 2024, minutes as presented. Mr. Cowles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence-

- Washington State Historical Society
 - Invitation to Member’s Day
 - Invitation to Annual Awards
 - Membership renewal letter
 - Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to approve the membership renewal fee, seconded by Mr. Jensen. All in favor, motion carried.
- MCHS April Newsletter

II. New Business

Announcements – Mr. Cowles mentioned that he had talked to a property owner on Bucks Prairie that may be interested in applying for the plaque program. Mr. Viscusi stated he may be bringing some updates to HPC regarding the Skokomish Grange. A colleague and him had a discussion regarding the structure being in a floodplain which may limit any improvements they wish to make.

City of Shelton Historical Commission Meeting – Mr. Dally spoke with staff for the City of Shelton of Historical Preservation Committee and was invited to their next meeting to discuss the Plaque Program and possibly extending it to within city limits. He stated the meeting would be April 18th and would welcome other commission members to attend with him.

Black History Preservation Call & Response – Mr. Viscusi mentioned this event that will be held Saturday, April 13 in Tacoma at Evergreen State College’s Tacoma Campus.

Summit for Historic Preservation focus on Black History in Washington State – In a follow up to the Call & Response on April 13th, a Summit will be held Saturday May 11 in the same location.

NCSHPO Standards for Rehabilitation Survey – Members went through the survey together and answered questions. Most questions didn’t apply to Mason County so Mr. Viscusi said next year he would fill out the survey and let members know if anything changed.

Section 106 Review for 291 E Twilight Way Cell Tower – Mr. Viscusi briefly went over the Section 106 report. Mr. Huber was dissatisfied with the lack of detail and analysis provided by the report. Shaun Dinubilo, ex-officio member representing the Squaxin Tribe, had also responded to the report with concerns about the lack of detail and that the Tribe had not been notified earlier.

Wilderness Way – Mr. Cowles and Mr. Viscusi have been helping conduct some research for a possible Plaque Program applicant on Wilderness Way in Shelton. They should have more to report at the next meeting.

Other (if Any) – Local long time Mason County resident, Ray Kimbel, brought some photos of his family and Mason County through the years. Members took time to look at them and listen to some of Ray’s stories. Mr. Huber asked if it would be okay if they were to reach out to him occasionally regarding the Plaque Program for background on the properties.

Old Business

Heritage Grant Review Procedures – Mr. Viscusi went over revisions he had made to the Heritage Grant procedures per previous discussion. A motion was made by Ms. Goodpaster to approve the revisions as presented, seconded by Mr. Cowles. All in favor, motion carried.

DAHP Built Environment Summit (April 18, in Lacey WA at SPSCC) – Mr. Viscusi also reminded HPC members of an upcoming free in-person DAHP event on April 18th. Mr. Viscusi stated he plans to attend, and Ms. Exo also said she was interested. Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to approve reimbursement for mileage for Mr. Viscusi and Ms. Exo. Motion was seconded by Mr. Jensen. All in favor, motion carried.

Cultural Resource Protection Summit (May 22-23, in Suquamish WA) – Mr. Viscusi mentioned that in person attendance had been sold out but virtual attendance was still an option. No one seemed interested in attending virtually for this year.

2024 Heritage Grant Update – Mr. Viscusi stated all contracts for 2024 had been signed by all parties. Mr. Huber asked if Mr. Viscusi had received the receipt from North Bay regarding their 2023 Heritage Grant. Mr. Viscusi said he was still waiting for an email from them.

Harstine Island Community Club & Cemetery – Mr. Viscusi said he has a meeting scheduled to meet in the office and go over the records held by Community Development. He will also refer them to the County Administrator for their questions regarding applying for grants.

Arcadia Family Farm – No update.

Other (if any) – Ms. Goodpaster said she knew of someone interested in being a member of the MCHPC and that they were planning to put in an application.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- HPC reviewed the statement for March 2024. Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Dally. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Next Meeting Date May 9, 2024

V. Adjournment

At 3:32 p.m. Mr. Huber called the meeting adjourned.

To Do:

- Mr. Huber and Mr. Dally
 - Attend Shelton Preservation Board meeting and speak about Plaque Program

- Mr. Cowles
 - Continue coordinating with Arcadia farm.
 - Continue coordinating with Camp Grisdale saw shack owner.
 - Continue coordinating with Bucks Prairie property owner.
 - Bring in photos for Wilderness Way cabin.

- Mr. Viscusi
 - Forward email regarding Black Historic Sites WA Summit to HPC members.
 - Get North Bay Historical Society's receipt of payment for their 2023 Heritage Grant.
 - Complete North Bay Historical Society 2023 Heritage Grant reimbursement.
 - Coordinate with Harstine Island Cemetery representatives.
 - Prepare materials for Shelton Preservation Board meeting.
 - Renew Washington State Historical Society membership.
 - Forward DAHP Built Environment Summit information to Ms. Exo.
 - Complete mileage reimbursement for any attendees of the DAHP Summit.