

Draft Minutes

Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

May 9, 2024

Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room

415 N. 6th Street

Shelton, WA 98584

Members Present: Ed Huber, Bill Jensen, Caleb Cowles, and Jann Goodpaster

Members Absent: Dave Dally (excused), and Andi Exo

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 April 11, 2024 –Mr. Cowles made a motion to approve the April 11, 2024, minutes as presented. Mr. Jensen seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence-

- Spring Columbia Magazine
- MCHS May Newsletter

II. New Business

Announcements – Ms. Goodpaster talked about the expansion proposal for MCHS and that they had withdrawn their grant application for funding in order to gather more information and reapply during a different grant cycle.

Peninsular Railway and Lumbermen’s Museum 2024 Heritage Grant Final Review – Members reviewed the final report from Peninsular Railway and Lumberman’s Museum. Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to accept the final report and reimburse in full. Motion was seconded by Mr. Cowles. All in favor, motion carried.

Historical Aerial Photos from Community Development – Mr. Viscusi had found some old aerials of Mason County and brought them for members to look at if interested.

“10 Things Every CLG should Know” and Links from DAHP – Mr. Viscusi provided a list of links from DAHP and a handout on CLGs for review. Members reviewed and agreed it would be a good idea to review annually and give to new members when they are appointed.

Other (if Any) – Mr. Jensen mentioned he knew someone who was interested in becoming a member and may apply.

Old Business

DAHP Built Environment Summit Recap – Mr. Viscusi discussed his experience attending. He said the information wasn't particularly relevant for Mason County HPC but gave him some good perspective and they mentioned the Sargent Oyster House.

City of Shelton Historical Commission Meeting Recap – Mr. Huber gave an overview of the meeting of the Shelton Historical Commission. They discussed the Plaque Program which they seemed really interested in and had some discussion on how to integrate it into their commission, either by combining or doing their own. They also talked a little bit about the Heritage Grant Program. Mr. Huber said they plan to stay in contact and continue conversations.

Harstine Island Community Club & Cemetery – Mr. Viscusi met with some people from the Cemetery who came into the office and looked at records. They were interested in records about who was buried there and the possibility of expanding or doing a Boundary Line Adjustment in the future. They also had some questions about ownership which Mr. Viscusi directed them to the County Administrator for.

North Bay Historic Society 2023 Heritage Grant Update – No update. Mr. Viscusi reached out and has yet to hear anything.

Summit for Historic Preservation focus on Black History in Washington State – Mr. Viscusi said he spoke with the organizers, and they were interested in any stories of people or places with ties to Black History in Washington. Mr. Cowles suggested the Rodney White Slough as a site they should look into.

Potential Plaque Program Applicants –

- *Arcadia Family Farm* – No update.
- *Camp Grisdale Saw Shack* – No update.
- *Bucks Prairie* – Application was given to owners.
- *Wilderness Way* – No update.
- *Dickinson* – Added to list of potential sites eligible for plaque.
- *Kamilche* – Structure from 1880s next to Home Meat Service added to list of potential sites eligible for plaque.

Other (if any) – None.

III. Other Commission Discussion

Financial Statement- HPC reviewed the statement for April 2024. Mr. Viscusi stated he had been approached about making payment to the city in one annual sum, rather than quarterly and wanted to know if anyone had any objections. Everyone seemed okay with it as long as the city was also okay. Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to accept, seconded by Mr. Cowles. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. Next Meeting Date June 13, 2024

V. Adjournment

At 3:16 p.m. Mr. Huber called the meeting adjourned.

To Do:

- Mr. Cowles
 - Continue coordinating with potential Plaque Program applicants.

- Mr. Viscusi
 - 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.
 - Complete mileage reimbursement for any attendees of the DAHP Summit.
 - Submit reimbursement paperwork for Peninsular Railway and Lumbermen's Museum 2024 Heritage Grant.
 - Forward Rodney White Slough site information to Black Historic Sites WA.
 - Contact City of Shelton Historic Preservation Board about changing when fees are disbursed to them throughout the year.
 - Contact MCHS about taking/storing historical photos.