

**Draft Minutes**

**Mason County Historic Preservation Commission**

**June 13, 2024**

**Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room**

**415 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Shelton, WA 98584**

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

**Members Absent:** Dave Dally (excused)

**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 May 9, 2024* –Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to approve the May 9, 2024, minutes as presented. Mr. Cowles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

*Correspondence-*

- WA State Historical Society Museum tickets
- MCHS June Newsletter

**II. New Business**

*Announcements/Check In* – Ms. Exo stated she will be moving in the next month or so and will no longer be able to serve. She said she should be able to attend July’s meeting and would keep everyone informed if that is not the case. Ms. Goodpaster reminded everyone of the Car Show on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Preliminary Budget Discussion* – Mr. Huber asked for a 2025 revenue projection from Kathy for the next meeting. Members discussed a preference for keeping the Heritage Grant fund at \$25,000 if feasible and would review prior to the next meeting for ideas on budget allocation.

*CLG Manual* – Mr. Viscusi briefly went over the CLG handbook from DAHP, a 23-page document that covers the basics of being a Certified Local Government. The document also has a section for Best Practices for a Strong Historic Preservation Program which was of particular interest to members.

*Other (if Any)* – Mason County is updating the Comprehensive Plan and staff asked HPC members to review the updated County Wide Planning Policies for any comments on the Historic Preservation Section. Proposed changes are below.

## 13: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

GMA states that jurisdictions should, "identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historical, **cultural**, or archeological significance".

13.1. Support the efforts of the Mason County Historic Preservation Commission created to identify and actively encourage the conservation of Mason County's historic resources (MCC 17.40).

13.2. Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historical or archeological significance through enforcement of regulations that implement the State's goals and objectives for historic preservation at the local level.

13.2:13.3. **Consult with Tribes and other government entities to ensure the protection of archeologically and culturally significant lands, sites, and structures.**

The Pickering Homemakers Club had turned in their final report for their 2024 Heritage Grant to be reviewed. There was some discussion on the amount to fund as the receipt and invoice didn't match, and the number seemed to be transposed. Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to approve the final report and reimburse in the amount of \$2,430 per invoice. Motion was seconded by Ms. Exo. All in favor, motion carried.

Mr. Viscusi brought some maps he found from 1981 done by DAHP. He thought they may be helpful with Plaque Program applications and would be available if anyone wanted to look at them.

### **Old Business**

*City of Shelton Historic Preservation Board* – Mr. Viscusi had tried to find the original price for the plaques as requested by the City of Shelton and came up empty. He also spoke with their staff about an annual payment versus a quarterly payment and would follow up.

*2024 Heritage Grant Update* – Ms. Viscusi said he turned in the reimbursement paperwork for the Peninsular Railway and Lumberman's Museum. He also mentioned he would be sending out reminders to those who haven't yet turned in their final reports for 2024 that they have 6 months remaining.

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

### *Potential Plaque Program Applicants* –

- *Arcadia Family Farm* – No update. Can be removed from list for time being.
- *Dickinson* – Mr. Jensen said he thinks the property owners are concerned about how this may affect their taxes and future projects. Mr. Cowles said they could talk with him and passed along his information so he could explain.

- *Camp Grisdale Saw Shack* – No update.
- *Bucks Prairie* – Application was given to owners.
- *Wilderness Way* – No update. Can be removed from list for time being.
- *Kamilche* – No update. Mr. Cowles has yet to make contact.
- *Harstine Island* – Added to list. Owners were told it's the first structure to be built on the island. They are looking to sell and would like to get it on the register.

Mr. Viscusi stated he would be reaching out to the owner of Captain James Pl to meet and present his plaque.

*Other (if any)* – Ms. Goodpaster stated she ran into Jayni Kamin who let her know the McReavy House was open for tours. Mr. Viscusi gave an update on the Harstine Island Cemetery, stating that after reaching out to Mark Neary, it sparked a larger conversation with legal and would be a continuing conversation. Mr. Viscusi also stated he forwarded the information on the Rodney White Slough to the organizers of the Summit on Black History in WA. Lastly, Mr. Viscusi said he had heard no response from the Historical Society about whether or not they were interested in taking the photos currently stored in his office.

### **III. Other Commission Discussion**

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

### **IV. Next Meeting Date July 11, 2024**

### **V. Adjournment**

At 3:18 p.m. Mr. Huber called the meeting adjourned.

### **To Do:**

- Mr. Cowles
  - Continue coordinating with potential Plaque Program applicants.
- Mr. Jensen
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- 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.
  - Submit reimbursement paperwork for Pickering Homemakers Club's 2024 Heritage Grant.
  - Ask Kathy for 2025 revenue projection for the July meeting.
  - Compile past Financial Statements for the July meeting.
  - Email reminder of half-way-point and extensions to 2024 Heritage Grant applicants.