

## Draft Minutes

### Mason County Historic Preservation Commission

August 8, 2024

Mason County Department of Health Meeting Room  
415 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Shelton, WA 98584

**Members Present:** Ed Huber, Caleb Cowles, and Jann Goodpaster.

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

**County Staff:** Luke Viscusi

#### I. Call to Order

*Roll Call-* Mr. Huber called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

*Review and Approve Minutes from July 11, 2024* –Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to approve the July 11, 2024, minutes with one correction. Mr. Cowles seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

*Correspondence-*

- MCHS July Newsletter
- Email Correspondence with Bill Jensen
  - Mr. Jensen resigned from the HPC by email on July 15, 2024. Mr. Jensen mentioned that he contacted a potential candidate for the HPC, who would reach out to Ms. Goodpaster if they were interested.

#### II. New Business

*Announcements/Check In* – None.

*HPC Open Positions* – Ms. Goodpaster stated she knew a potential candidate. Mr. Huber stated he asked someone multiple times, but they were not interested. Mr. Cowles did not have specific people in mind. Mr. Huber asked if staff could reach out to the Shelton Historic Preservation Board; all agreed. Mr. Cowles mentioned FOSLS (Friends of Schafer and Lake Silvia State Parks), a grassroots group might be a potential organization to reach out to. A lot of people showed up to their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary gathering. Mr. Viscusi said he had a News Release mostly ready to be send to the Board of County Commissioners in the upcoming weeks. Mr. Viscusi suggested reaching out to past Heritage Grantees; all agreed. All members discussed possible contacts.

*Cultural Resource Protection Satellite Summit* – Members discussed the upcoming Cultural Resource Protection Satellite Summit on October 9th, in Olympia, WA. Mr. Huber mentioned that the summit may be very technical. Ms. Goodpaster, Mr. Huber, and Mr. Cowles all stated they would not be attending. Mr. Viscusi stated that he wanted

to attend but did not know whether he could attend in-person or virtually. Ms. Goodpaster made a motion to approve up to \$150 for Mr. Viscusi to register and attend the summit. Mr. Cowles seconded; motion passed.

*Other (if Any): Girl Scout Camp Robbinswold* – Mr. Viscusi stated that a permit was applied to re-roof multiple structures on the Girl Scout Camp Robbinswold property. The members viewed the Historic Property Report on WISAARD, which stated the eligibility of the structures had not been determined, but they were inventoried during the Hwy 101 Reconnaissance Survey. Members discussed replacing the wood shingles with wood shingles (like for like) would be best, but also how expensive and rare it is for cedar-shake shingles to be replaced. All members agreed that staff should gather more information about the property and proposal for the next meeting. Depending on the information found, it is possible the HPC could reach out to the applicant.

### **Old Business**

*City of Shelton Historic Preservation Board* – Mr. Viscusi stated he had not yet sent the Plaque Program invoices to the City of Shelton because he was searching for more information first. Mr. Viscusi stated that Jason Dose at the City of Shelton asked him whether the Heritage Grants can only fund nonprofits and tribal and government entities, instead of private preservation efforts, due to the legal concern of gifting of public funds. Mr. Huber believed the language comes from the source of funding at the state level, which would have specified stipulations for how the historic preservation funds could be used. Since the funds come from recording costs, it may be a very narrow number of organization/entities that can be funded. Mr. Cowles believed the Department of Revenue might be the entity that brings up an issue since the funds would be coming out of the recording costs. Ms. Goodpaster mentioned that Jayni Kamin and Stan Graham may know the origin of the language.

*2024 Heritage Grant Update* – Mr. Viscusi stated that a 3-month reminder was sent out to all Heritage Grant recipients. The Skokomish Grange No. 379 requested a 6-month extension on July 22, 2024. Their new deadline is March 27, 2025. Matlock Historical Society reported that they are making progress. The Mason County Historical Society submitted their final report for review. Mr. Viscusi stated there wasn't enough time before the meeting to send it out to the HPC, but he would send the report for the HPC members to review prior to the September meeting.

*North Bay Historic Society 2023 Heritage Grant Update* – Mr. Viscusi reported that the North Bay Historical Society asked whether he got the bill for the project. He told them “no” and was told they would find it and send it to him.

*NE Captain James Pl Plaque Update* – Mr. Viscusi and Mr. Cowles will be visiting the property to award it with a plaque tomorrow. They stated they would take photos.

*Other (if any): Buck's Prairie Store* – Mr. Cowles stated that the Buck's Prairie Store installed a new door. Mr. Cowles used the opportunity to ask if they made any progress on the plaque program application. He did not receive a response.

**III. Other Commission Discussion**

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

**IV. Next Meeting Date September 12, 2024**

**V. Adjournment**

At 2:58 p.m. Mr. Huber called the meeting adjourned.

**To Do:**

- Mr. Cowles
  - Coordinate with NE Captain James Plaque Program applicant.
  
- 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.
  - Email Plaque Program invoices to Jason Dose at City of Shelton.
  - Coordinate with NE Captain James Plaque Program applicant.
  - Send News Release for open HPC positions to Board of County Commissioners.
  - Reach out to FOSLS regarding open HPC positions.
  - Reach out to City of Shelton Historic Preservation Board regarding open HPC positions.
  - Reach out to past Heritage Grantees regarding open HPC positions.
  - Register for Cultural Resources Protection Satellite Summit.
  - Send Mason County Historical Society 2024 Heritage Grant Final Report to HPC members.
  - Gather information on Girl Scout Camp Robbinswold project.