

MINUTES
MASON COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, April 8, 2010
Mason County Building I, Conference Room 1

Members present: Frank Benavente, Valerie Johnson, Llyn De Danaan, Stan Graham, and Elizabeth Jahnke

Members excused: Mo MacCracken

Staff: Michael MacSems, Mason County

Guests: Ross Gallagher, Mason County Commissioner

Richard Calvin, nominee for vacant MCHPC seat

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Stanley Graham, Chair, at 2:03pm. Reviewed, corrected, and approved Minutes from March 11, 2010 MCHPC Meeting.

II. New Business

Welcome to nominee. Mr. Calvin gave a brief biography of himself and members expressed their appreciation for his application and interest in the Commission.

Scholarship

Mason County Attorney Monty Cobb told Staff that he believes that the Commission can not award scholarships as discussed. There are no dedicated funds for this activity nor is it in the Commission's mission.

Bylaws

Mason County Attorney Monty Cobb determined that if the MCHPC were to create a new class of non-voting members, such members would still be subject to the Mason County residency requirement for serving on the Commission. Plans to amend bylaws to create new membership class put on hold.

Hoodsport Trip

On April 6, 2010, Llyn De Danaan, Stan Graham, and Elizabeth Jahnke visited Louise Jackson on N. Old Mill Rd in Hoodsport. Ms Jackson showed the members around her 1929 house and the application process was discussed. Ms Jackson is planning on attending the May 22 birthday event and will turn her application in at that time. The Commissioners had a wonderful time visiting with Ms Jackson.

The Commissioners also viewed various properties in the area and made a stop at the US Forest Service facility there.

III. Old Business

5th Birthday Celebration—Updates and Planning: Mr. Graham reported on the number of calls he has received from the property owners from the Hwy 101 Project both regarding the Project and interest in and planning to attend the Celebration.

Mr. Graham reported that he has lined up Pam and Marty Harrell to speak about the Grant School Application Process, Julie Koler will present a workshop on historic preservation-conservation-restoration, and Mildred Andrews will speak about the Hwy 101 Project (this public presentation meets one of the terms of the grant). As part of the documentation of the Project, Mr. Graham will arrange for the video taping of Ms Andrews' presentation.

Discussion continued on who would receive awards and which individuals or groups would receive letters of invitation or notice.

Publicity for the Celebration is headed by Commissioner Val Johnson and she had a sample of a poster for the event. She would make some minor corrections and re-send to members so that postings could be placed in various areas of Mason County.

Ms Johnson will contact KMAS and the Mason Co. Journal for press releases.

Commission Banner/Brochure: Mr. Graham will review and make decisions regarding the printing.

All available Commissioners are to meet at the Civic Center at 9am on May 22 to prepare for the event, which begins at 10am.

Raffle: Commissioners MacCracken, Johnson, Graham and Jahnke will supply items for a raffle.

Ms MacCracken is in charge of the arrangements for the food and beverages, utensils and plates.

Copies on Mini Grant and Historic Register Applications will be made available for handout.

Mr. Graham will check to see if the Mini Grant Application is on the County's website.

Mr. Calvin volunteered to provide and run a laptop to "preview" photos from our Hwy 101 Project and other photos that the Commission has. Mr. Calvin and Mr. Graham will work together on this.

It was decided that the members would have printed name tags for the Celebration and Ms Johnson would create a mock-up and email to members.

Cultural Resource Planning Summit: Held in Poulsbo June 7/8, 2010. Commission will pay for attendance and accommodations. Mr. MacSems, Ms Johnson, Mr. Benavente and Mr. Calvin all expressed an interest in attending. Mr. MacSems will register four members and will ask to be billed. This needs to be done by May 1.

Mini Grants-Mr. Graham was asked if the Shelton Historic Preservation Society can apply for one of our grants. A lively discussion ensued.

Highway 101 Corridor Project (Hwy 101 Project)

Ms Andrews has received a packet of the Commission's concerns and issues regarding her work on the Project. The state Dept of Historic Preservation needs digitized maps which Ms Andrews reports she is working on.

Commission discussed that next time a project is being planned and bids received, past work of possible contractors will be reviewed. Mr. Graham will send Ms Andrews a reminder email of items to be finished.

Mr. Calvin shared that he is a contract administrator by profession and will gladly help in this regard for future projects.

IV. Other Commission Discussion

CLG: The Certified Local Government was submitted in December, 2009 as part of the requirement needs.

Stewardship Award: Ms De Danaan received a letter notifying her that the Squaxin Tribe was given the Stewardship Award which Ms De Danaan nominated them for. This award was given for their work in relocating the Oakland Bay cemetery. They were lauded for their careful treatment of all of the remains. A ceremony for the award will be held on Monday, May 3 in the Columbia Room at the Legislative Building in Olympia, WA.

Mail Received: Commission received a very nice note from former member and volunteer Kristina Trebil. Due to her recent move to Olympia, she is unable to further assist the Commission. She will be missed and the Commission wishes her well as she pursues other interests.

V. Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2010
Commission Jahnke will not be present (alternate secretary will be required).

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 3:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Jahnke, Vice Chair and Acting Secretary