

## **Minutes**

### **Mason County Historic Preservation Commission**

**June 8, 2017**

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

**Members Present:** Rick Calvin, Ed Huber, Marty Harrell, Steve Rose, David Willard, Stephanie Neil

**Members Absent:** None

**County Staff:** Michael MacSems and Marissa Watson

#### **I. Call to order**

*Roll Call-* Mr. Calvin called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

*Review and Approve Minutes from May 11<sup>th</sup>* –Mr. Rose made a motion to approve minutes as presented, Ms. Harrell seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

*Correspondence-*

- May 2017 Mason County Historical Society newsletter.
- E-mail from EBI Consulting – requesting comments for a cell tower placement near Victor (no action needed by HPC).
- Marcus McCoy e-mail regarding the Pioneer Cemetery in Union
- Bonnie Knight E-mail requesting a six month extension of the North Bay Historical Society's heritage grant.
- Historic Registry application for the McReavy House.

#### **II. New Business**

*Announcements* – Ms. Neil and Mr. Calvin will be out of town for the July meeting.

*Culture Resources Conference Report* – Mr. Huber and Mr. Calvin talked about presentations that were especially interesting, including the relocation of the Quileute Tribe's village due to sea level rise, a presentation by Christopher Horsechief, about Native American perspectives on network analysis of the Dakota Pipeline Project, also a discussion on how other counties are implementing cultural resource management plans.

*William Busacca on Shelton Railway and Roundhouse* – Not in attendance.

*Summer 2017 Heritage Grant Cycle* – Mr. MacSems will be announcing the Summer Heritage Grant cycle at the next Tuesday BOCC regular meeting, which includes a deadline of July 20, 2017 for grant submittals.

*2018 HPC Budget Discussion* –After some discussion, Ms Neil made a motion to adopt a budget for 2018 that is identical to the 2017 budget. Ms. Harrell seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

*Pioneer Cemetery* – Mr. MacSems mentioned a series of e-mails from Marcus McCoy complaining that the road to the cemetery is closed to the public and that he though he saw vandalism on site (which turned out to be vegetation maintenance by the Union City Masonic Temple). Mr. Rose said that he visited the cemetery a few weeks ago and confirmed the Mr. McCoy's general description of the site conditions.

Mr. Calvin responded by saying that the members of the Masonic Temple had the cemetery placed on the County Historic Register in 2016. Mr. Calvin and Ms. Neil both agreed the HPC has no jurisdiction to ensure access to the cemetery. Mr. Calvin asked what was the best way to provide guidance to the Masonic Temple for best cemetery management practices? Mr. Huber noted that protecting the grave markers from inadvertent damage is the biggest concern. Mr. Calvin noted that the cemetery was not listed on DAHP's historic cemetery registry, it is on the Mason County Historic Register. Mr. Calvin stated that he is willing to write a letter to the Masonic Temple in support of careful management of this site. The HPC believes the Masonic Temple members are quite passionate about the welfare of the site. Mr. Calvin will write a letter to the Union City Masonic Temple and Mr. MacSems will send it.

*Other (if any)*

*McReavy House* - Jayni Kamin submitted an application to place the McReavy House, in Union, on the Mason County Historic Registry and also submitted a Heritage Grant application for a small capital project related to the House. Mr. MacSems reported that he told Ms Kamin that the HPC had considered the McReavy House for the Historic Registry in 2007 and had decided that the building itself was too modified to qualify for the registry, but placed the site on the Registry due to its association with people of local historical significance. Mr. MacSems also gave Ms Kamin a "House of Historic Interest" plaque.

Ms. Neil mentioned the case of the Malaney-O'Neil House which didn't get placed on the Mason County Historic Register initially, but once it was placed on the State Historic Register, the HPC reconsidered and placed the house on the County Registry [it should be noted that structures that qualify for the State registry automatically qualify for the County Registry as well] Ms Neil stated that the HPC should take another look at the McReavy House as well.

Mr. Rose interjected that the building would need an assessment by the County. Mr. Calvin mentioned that there was a whole story missing, roof is now flat instead of the original mansard style. The windows have been replaced, but the

originals may still be in the basement. Mr. Calvin agreed with Ms. Neil on encouraging a reconsideration.

Mr. MacSems says that he will let Ms Kamin know and begin the process to hold a public hearing at a future HPC meeting. He will scan the materials and send to HPC members for review and create a timeline for the hearing.

*Sargent Oyster House* -- The HPC reviewed the e-mail request from Bonnie Knight of the North Mason Historical Society asking for a six month extension of a heritage grant for renovations to the Sargent Oyster House. Ms. Neil made a motion to extend the project grant for the Sargent Oyster House for six months, seconded by Mr. Willard, all in favor, motion carried. This extension expires on March 7, 2018.

### **Old Business**

*Discussion of Inventory of County Owned Historic Properties Update (if any)* – Mr. MacSems exchanged e-mails with Mr. Pinter about the inventory list as well as the Memorial Hall cost break outs, but hadn't received the requested documents by today's date. Ms Neil reminded the HPC that Commissioner Neatherlin said that the County had hired someone to put this list together and that the HPC could wait for this list to be provided or get the information themselves. Mr. Willard asked if use and occupancy will be included in this list. Ms. Neil mentioned that the Commissioners are required to certify lists of County owned property every year. HPC decided it would be a good idea to inquire about the anticipated completion of the County owned property list. Mr. MacSems agreed that it would be better to get a list that was already in the works rather than dedicate staff time to recreate one. Mr. MacSems will contact Mr. Pinter again for a status update.

*Continued Memorial Hall Discussion* – The HPC is still waiting for long promised cost breakout explaining what amounts and materials were allocated to specific projects within Memorial Hall refurbishment, i.e. floors, roof, walls, etc. Mr. Calvin said that they should keep inquiring about this list. The HPC wants to make sure the cost are reviewed and set a positive precedent for the expenditure of Historic Preservation funds.

*Status of County Historical Preservation Ordinance Update*- Mr. Calvin said he was writing a preamble and then combining it with Mr. Huber's notes, addressing traditional landscapes and cultural landscapes, with the same guidelines that govern Historical Districts. The HPC reiterated that they don't want home owners to have to pay the Auditor's Office recording fees to note that their property or building is part of a landscape that is on the Register. Ms. Neil believed this recognition won't stop development. Ms. Neil thought the issue of regulation and enforcement of these landscapes was a topic that worried the BOCC. Mr. Huber talked about buildings in Palouse, WA and their inclusion in the State Register and that non-action is not enforced upon (such as letting the house(s) become dilapidated).

*Comprehensive Plan Update (if any)*- Mr. Calvin mentioned that he would be attending the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting between the Planning Advisory Commission and the BOCC.

*Website Update (Creating an On-Line MCHPC Calendar)* – The HPC agreed that a list with the date of events would suffice as a Calendar element to the webpage.

*Other (if any)* – Mr. Calvin was still working on the COA, almost finished.

Mr. Rose will communicate with Susan Corliss directly, asking her to formally request that the Mason County Historical Society give the HPC David Corliss's scrapbook of HPC activity.

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

*Financial Statement*- No further comment from earlier financial conversation.

### **IV. Next Meeting Date July 13, 2017**

### **V. Adjournment**

At 3:37 p.m. Ms. Harrell made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Huber. All in favor, meeting adjourned.