

MEETING NOTES

Thurston County Historic Commission
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Bldg.1, Room 280, Olympia, WA 98502

Members & Alternates Present: Rob Kirkwood, Charlie Roe, Elaine Taylor, Grace Edwards, Sandy Crowell, Ken Balsley

Members & Alternates Absent: Beth Mathews

Chairing: Rob Kirkwood

Staff Present: Sonja Cady, Community Planning & Economic Development

Guests: Bill Lindstrom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by Chair Kirkwood.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Attendance

Attendance of the Historic Commission was noted by Staff.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Balsley moved to approve the March 10, 2021 agenda, Commissioner Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve the meeting notes. Commissioner Crowell seconded. Motion carried.

B. Waters, Woods, and Prairies Reprint

Commissioner Crowell shared the recommendation letter she had prepared proposing to reprint through Gorham Publishing. The proposal is for 500 softback books and 250 hardback books for a total of \$17,646.79. This proposal includes the ability to eprint. The proposal displayed a table Commissioner Crowell prepared showing the high demand for the book. Commissioner Crowell and Ms. Stevenson are working on edits to the book and plan on dedicating a page in the front of the book to discuss inclusion.

Commissioner Balsley was in agreement of the high demand for the reprinting of books, but suggested reprinting 500 softback books and no hardback books to save money. Commissioner Roe shared that the Olympian Bigelow House and Bigelow Museum will be discussing the book contract at their next meeting. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Crowell made a motion to reprint Water, Woods, and Prairies through Gorham publishing, with a Mixture of 500 SB, 250 HB, plus EBook option \$17,328.79 + \$348=\$17,646.79. Commissioner Roe seconded. The vote was called. Motion carried.

C. RAC Interpretive Panels

Commissioner Kirkwood shared photos of other interpretive historic panels throughout the state. Also informed the Commission that several members of the subcommittee will be attending a meeting with the Lacey Historical Commission on March 17th to discuss a joint project for a historic kiosk at the RAC.

D. Lucas Harding Residence Update

Commissioner Edwards shared details of the site visit to the property. The homeowners are very conscientious of preserving the original building materials on the interior and exterior of the home. This topic will go to public hearing on April 14, 2021.

E. Cozy Valley Road Update

Staff gave a brief update on this Cozy Valley Historic Road Sign Application which is also set to go to hearing in April.

F. September/October Meeting

Commissioner Edwards shared a draft agenda that she and Commissioner Crowell had been working on. The event would most likely be held on a Saturday in early October, with a Maritime theme. They propose to hold the event at the Olympia Yacht Club. Heritage Grant recipients would be invited to share project updates as part as the program, as well as a presentation from the Maritime Historic District. They plan on collaborating with local history groups to ensure a good turnout.

G. DAHP Virtual Training-March 4, 2021

Commissioner Kirkwood and Ms. Cady attended the virtual training. It highlighted the process of establishing Historic Districts using the City of Spokane as an example.

H. DAHP Grant Application

No updates.

I. Stairwell Pictures

Commission members are continuing to search for photos to be printed, specifically Native American maritime photos.

J. Plaques

Staff will follow up on the request to create bronze plaques to give to properties on the Historic Register.

K. Create Subcommittees

Commissioner Balsley suggested implementing the “Disappearing Task Force” in the future instead of subcommittees. The Commission members agree that there is a need for outreach to advertise all the vacancies on the Commission and try to recruit more diverse members. Commissioner Roe recommended contacting the BoCC to recruit members. Commissioner Taylor recommended reaching out to Dr. Thelma Jackson about vacancies.

L. Subcommittee Updates

The Commission discussed the following projects:

- Outreach Committee- discussed earlier
- Historic Resources- discussed earlier
- Interpretive- discussed earlier

M. Staff Updates

There were no staff updates, everything was covered earlier in the meeting.

N. Other Business

- After hearing about the George Bush Memorial to be placed on the Capitol Campus, Commissioner Balsley took a group on a tour to the George Bush memorial that the Historic Commission placed off HWY 99. He informed the group that it is in need of cleaning, sanding and repainting. Staff will contact the parks department to see if they are able to clean the memorial.
- Commissioner Balsley also shared that Kips Garage History Museum will be going out of business. They do plan on opening a museum in Tenino.

O. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Prepared by Sonja Cady, Historic Commission staff.

