

MEETING NOTES

Thurston County Historic Commission
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Bldg.1, Room 280, Olympia, WA 98502

Members & Alternates Present: Sandy Crowell, Rob Kirkwood, Charlie Roe, Ken Balsley, Chris Colton, Beth Mathews, Paul Hooper, Grace Edwards, Daniel Graves

Members & Alternates Absent:

Chairing: Rob Kirkwood

Staff Present: Sonja Cady, Community Planning & Economic Development
Jeremy Davis Community Planning & Economic Development

Guests:

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 May 13, 2020 agenda. Commissioner Hooper seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

Commissioner Crowley recommended to amend a portion of Section F. Commissioner Roe moved to approve the March 11, 2020 minutes as amended. Commissioner Edwards seconded. Motion carried. Staff has amended the meeting minutes as directed.

B. CLG Grant Subcommittee Update

Mr. Davis informed the Commission that he is working on inputting staff hours on the grant application and will be submitting it to the County Manager for approval. The due date for the grant application has been pushed back to June 19th.

C. SECTION 106 REVIEW

Staff received 3 projects from the Army Corps of Engineer to comment on for Section 106 Review. The Section 106 Review Sub-Committee reviewed the letters and assessment reports for the WFDW-Skookumchuck River, USACE-Northwest Shellfish, and WFDW- Luhrs Landing Rehabilitation projects. They were in agreement with the findings of the USACE reports. Commissioner Mathews suggested changing the sub-committees name in the future to Cultural Resources Review so as not to limit it to the review of section 106 solely.

Commissioner Balsley made a motion to approve the sub-committees recommendation. Commissioner Roe seconded. Motion carried.

D. STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Davis informed the group that on Tuesday May 12, the BoCC voted to cancel the Thurston County Fair, this will affect the annual birthday for Thurston County.

E. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

The Commission discussed the following projects:

- Joint Meetings with Other Commissions – (Charlie, Sandy Rob, Beth) Decided to postpone the Summit Meeting in September. Sandy has suggested we send a survey to get insight on who would like to attend. This will exhibit leadership county wide on what we are working on and find what each group is doing and what their goals are. The sub-committee will come up with a process and plan for the survey.
- Outreach Committee/Birthday Celebration County Fair (Ruth, Ken, Grace, Paul) Staff will check by-laws to see if a Thurston County Birthday Celebration is a requirement.
- Historic Register Verification – (Chris, Beth) Apply for a grant to hire a consultant.
- Historic Signs - three historic ballrooms, joint marker with tribes – (Sandy, Ken, Daniel) No news due to Covid-19.
- History Book- County staff is working on scheduling a virtual meeting with OHS to finalize the contract and roll out plan. Potentially discussing a video roll out or some alternative.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

- Commissioner Balsley informed the group of a playground being built at the Lacey Historic Train Depot, though the dedication has been postponed.
- Commissioner Balsley thanked Commissioner Colton for her years of service on the Commission, as did the rest of the members.
- Ms. Cady shared the news that Commissioner King will not be seeking reinstatement once her term expires at the end of May.

G. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Prepared by Sonja Cady, Historic Commission staff.