

MEETING NOTES

Thurston County Historic Commission
Wednesday, July 14 2021
Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Bldg.1, Room 280, Olympia, WA 98502

Members & Alternates Present: Rob Kirkwood, Elaine Taylor, Grace Edwards, Tamara Hayes, Ken Balsley, Bill Lindstrom, Charlie Roe, Sandy Crowell, Beth Mathews

Members & Alternates Absent:

Chairing: Rob Kirkwood

Staff Present: Sonja Cady, Community Planning & Economic Development

Guests: Michelle Thompson, CLG Coordinator

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 Crowell moved to approve July 14, 2021 agenda, Commissioner Mathews seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

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

B. CLG Training

Our Certified Local Government Coordinator, Michelle Thompson, gave a very helpful informational presentation on the Thurston County Historic Commissions role in preserving local history, design review, and ways to promote local history. The Commission looks forward to future trainings with Michelle and appreciate her making herself available for guidance!

C. History Book Report

Mr. Davis explained to the group that the County's purchasing requirements have changed since the last time the book was printed by Gorham. County staff and members of the Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum met via Zoom to discuss reducing the quantity of books being printed this year. The contract will need an additional modification and will need approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Crowell expressed the desire to have books printed and available prior to the September 18, 2021 Summit Meeting. Staff will do their best to expedite the process.

D. RAC Interpretive Panels Update

E. September Summit Meeting

F. Plaques

G. Form 2022 Heritage Grant Program Subcommittee

Commissioners Edwards, Hayes, and Lindstrom volunteered to be the on the 2022 Heritage Grant Program Subcommittee. The grant application period will most likely run from August to mid-September. The subcommittee will review applications and provide a recommendation to the rest of the Commission.

H. Staff Updates

Staff did not have any additional updates as everything was discussed throughout the meeting.

I. Other Business

- Commissioner Balsley shared the history book written by Nick Pust.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.
Prepared by Sonja Cady, Historic Commission staff.