

## MEETING NOTES

Thurston County Historic Commission  
Wednesday, November 9, 2022  
Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development  
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Bldg.1, Room 280, Olympia, WA 98502

**Members & Alternates Present:** Rob Kirkwood, Grace Edwards, Chris Hoffman, Bill Lindstrom, Rebecca Sanchez, David Petrich, John Grenier

**Members & Alternates Absent:** Charlie Roe, Ken Balsley

**Chairing:** Rob Kirkwood

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

**Guests:** Jim Keough

### 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 Lindstrom made a motion to approve the November 9, 2022 agenda. Commissioner Petrich seconded. Motion Carried.**

##### **3. Approval of Meeting Notes**

**Commissioner Hoffman moved to approve the October 12, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Edwards seconded. Motion carried.**

#### **B. Welcome Commissioner Grenier**

Introductions were made and Commissioner Grenier introduced himself to the Historic Commission members.

### **C. Subcommittee Review and Update**

Commissioner Edwards gave an overview of the duties of each subcommittee and Commissioners volunteered to join subcommittees of interest. The Subcommittee List was updated and will be routed to the Commissioners.

### **D. Historic Preservation Review of section 2.106.030 and 2.106.040**

Commissioner Balsley requested a review of the Thurston County Code sections 2.106.030 and 2.106.040. The Commission agreed to table the discussion until Commissioner Balsley returns.

### **E. Heritage Day Report**

At the October meeting, Commissioner Kirkwood asked staff to write a report debriefing the Heritage Day event to send to Heritage Grant recipients to thank them for participating in the event and prepping for Heritage Day 2023. Staff submitted a draft for review.

### **F. Special Tax Valuation-Check on Quorum for December**

The owners of the Grand Mound Schoolhouse submitted a timely application for Special Tax Valuation. The subcommittee will need to schedule a meeting to review the application and expenses and give a recommendation to the entire Historic Commission. The Historic Commission is required to make a decision on the application by the end of the calendar year. More than five commissioners stated that they will be present at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Historic Commission meeting.

### **G. Historic Commission Name Change**

Commissioner Kirkwood opened discussions to change the name of the Historic Commission to the Heritage Commission to better encompass all that the Commission does. Mr. Davis stated that the process to change the name would most likely require a code amendment to be decided by the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Hoffman reviewed the code that established the Commission and noted the word “Historic” was used roughly 100 times while the word “Heritage” was used once. Commissioner Grenier added that the Army Historical Enterprise has a Heritage center and History center. The History side focuses on the academic study of history while the Heritage side focuses on preserving material culture like buildings and is interested in unit lineage. Commissioner Edwards asked if both words could be used in the name. Commissioner Sanchez suggested adding attention on heritage be added to the duties. The Commission will continue discussions at later meetings.

### **H. CLG Grant**

This topic was discussed during the subcommittee update. Commissioners Grenier, Hoffman, and Roe have joined the subcommittee and will meet via zoom to discuss the process.

## **I. Plaque Purchasing Update**

Mr. Davis informed the Commission that the plaque should be ready for pick up next week.

## **J. RAC Interpretive Panels Update**

Staff is still working on the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Lacey. Commissioner Sanchez offered to help with the Evergreen Ballroom panel as she has done research on it in the past. Jim Keough with the Lacey Historical Commission added that Commissioner Balsley had created a draft write up for the Evergreen Ballroom panel that he will share with the Commission. He will also share a draft write up for the RAC panel.

Commissioners Kirkwood and Lindstrom will write a report on the progress of the project and submit it to the entire Historic Commission. Commissioner Lindstrom added that each panel will have roughly 200 words depending on the quantity and size of photos. All the Commissioners are invited to help with the writing of the panels.

## **K. Staff Updates**

The Community Planning and Economic Development department will be moving to 3000 Pacific Ave in early December. The December 14<sup>th</sup> Historic Commission meeting will still be held at the Courthouse in room 280 with an option to Zoom. The January meeting will be at the new location.

## **L. Other Business**

Commissioner Edwards reminded the Commission that officer elections will be held at the December meeting.

## **M. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.  
*Prepared by Sonja Cady, Historic Commission staff*