

## MEETING NOTES

Thurston County Historic Commission  
Wednesday, October 12, 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, Charlie Roe, Rebecca Sanchez, David Petrich

**Members & Alternates Absent:**

**Chairing:** Grace Edwards

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

**Guests:**

### CALL TO ORDER

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

#### A. ADMINISTRATION

##### 1. Attendance

Attendance of the Historic Commission was noted by Staff.

##### 2. Approval of Agenda

**Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to approve the October 12, 2022 agenda. Commissioner Kirkwood seconded. Motion Carried.**

##### 3. Approval of Meeting Notes

**Commissioner Lindstrom moved to approve the September 14, 2022 meeting minutes. Commissioner Petrich seconded. Motion carried.**

#### B. Heritage Day Update

The Commission gave an overview of the October 8<sup>th</sup> Heritage Day Event. It was well attended by Heritage Grant Program (HGP) recipients, some members of the public, and two Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Kirkwood suggested writing a thank you letter/report to the HGP recipients thanking them for their participation and preparing for Heritage Day 2023. Commissioner Petrich took photos of the event which will be included in the report and posted

on the Historic Commission's webpage. Staff will check with the County PIO about sharing the photos on the County's social media pages. Commissioner Hoffman requested name tags for future public events.

Commissioner Kirkwood asked to set a tentative date for Heritage Day 2023 as October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Lindstrom made a motion to schedule Heritage Day 2023 for October 14th. Commissioner Hoffman seconded. Motion carried.**

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

The Commission reviewed the current subcommittee list that includes former members. Commissioner Edwards asked that each member consider what subcommittees they would like to be on and potentially chair. The subcommittee list can then be updated at the November meeting.

### **D. RAC Interpretive Panels Update**

Commissioner Kirkwood stated that the production of the kiosk is on hold until the MOU with the City of Lacey is completed. Commissioner Lindstrom shared his progress on the narrative for the St. Martins panel. The group discussed whether to continue creating a panel representing the Ostrom Mushroom farm. It was concluded to continue with the panel for the time being.

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

The Commission decided to postpone this discussion to the November meeting when all the Historic Commissioners are present. The Commissioners also requested a training with the CLG coordinator, staff will look into this.

### **F. Plaque Purchasing Update**

Staff needs to give the final approval.

### **G. Heritage Grant Application Update**

Commissioner Edwards gave a brief overview of each of the 8 applications received. The subcommittee met the previous weeks to rank the applications and recommended approval of all 8. The applicants are: The Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum, City of Tenino, South Thurston County Historical Society, Olympia Tumwater Foundation, South Sound Maritime Heritage Association, Washington Center for Performing Arts, Washington State Society Daughters of the American Colonies, Window Seat Media.

**Commissioner Hoffman made a motion to recommend approval of funding the 8 Heritage Grant Program applications to the Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Lindstrom seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **H. Place Names Update**

The Historic Commission published the Place Names book in 1992 and Shanna Stevenson is currently updating the names that have changed and has requested assistance. Commissioner Sanchez expressed an interest in the project, staff will connect the two.

## **I. Review of Historic Commissioner Application**

The Board of County Commissioners received an application from Dr. John Grenier for appointment to the Historic Commission.

**Commissioner Roe made a motion to recommend appointment Dr. John Grenier to the Historic Commission. Commissioner Petrich seconded. All in Favor. Motion carried.**

## **J. Staff Updates**

Staff did not have any further updates.

## **K. Other Business**

- Commissioner Kirkwood suggested changing the name of the Historic Commission to Heritage Commission to encompass all that the Commission does. This topic will be researched and discussed further at the November meeting.

## **L. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.  
*Prepared by Sonja Cady, Historic Commission staff*