

MEETING NOTES

Thurston County Historic Commission

Wednesday, July 13, 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, Ken Balsley

Members & Alternates Absent: Beth Mathews, Tamara Hayes, Charlie Roe

Chairing: Rob Kirkwood

Staff Present: Sonja Cady, Community Planning & Economic Development

Jeremy Davis, Community Planning & Economic Development

Guests: Janice Arnold, Stan Klyne, Rebecca Sanchez

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 made a motion to approve the July13, 2022 agenda.
Commissioner Lindstrom seconded. Motion Carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

Commissioner Hoffman moved to approve the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes.
Commissioner Lindstrom seconded. Motion carried.

B. Lucas Harding Special Tax Valuation

The Historic Commissioners received and reviewed the staff report recommending approval of the Lucas Harding Special Tax Valuation application prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Balslev made a motion to approve the application based on staff's recommendation. Commissioner Edwards seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

C. July 16th Book Launch Event

The subcommittee, Sandy Crowell and Olympia Historical Society & Bigelow House Museum have been preparing for the event. Seven of the authors have confirmed attendance and are hopeful that all eight Historic Commissioners are present.

D. RAC Interpretive Panels Update

Commissioner Kirkwood received the original construction drawings and sent them back to the structural engineer with some changes. Commissioner Kirkwood has a materials list nearly complete and asked staff if there is a preferred supplier to purchase lumber. Staff will speak with Central Services, if a contractor is hired the County will need to accept three bids for the position. Staff will report back to the chair. Commissioner Kirkwood anticipates lumber to cost under \$10,000.

Commissioner Lindstrom updated the group on the progress made on the Nisqually panel and shared the Sandy Crowell suggested making a panel for St. Martins. Commissioner Hoffman gave an update on his progress with the Ostrom's panel. Both are in need of more photos for the project.

The subcommittee will be meeting with the City of Lacey at the RAC on July 27th.

E. County Fair/Birthday Celebration

Commissioner Kirkwood asked Commissioner Hoffman to attend a meeting with the Down Through the Decades group this Friday at 3:00 to discuss the theme for the Fair. Commissioner Hoffman will be attending. The event will most likely be on Saturday July 30th, the Commission will put together a display board and serve cake.

F. Plaque Purchasing

Commissioner Kirkwood stated that the company printing the plaque will not print until payment has been made. Staff will follow up.

G. 2023 Work Program/Budget

Mr. Davis requested guidance on the allocation of the 2023 Historic Commission budget because the deadline for change requests is in early August. He shared that there are \$10,000 set aside for the printing of the Thurston Journal, \$60,000 for community projects (including the Heritage Grant Program), and \$300 for advertising. He asked the Commission how much they would like to set aside for Heritage Grants vs Historic Commission projects. The Commission agreed to grant \$40,000 for Heritage Grants for 2023 leaving \$20,000 for historic projects.

Commissioner Hoffman asked if there was money in the budget to maintain historic markers that the County has installed. Commissioner Lindstrom agreed and suggested that the Commission divide the list of historic markers and conduct site visits to check the conditions of each marker. The Commissioners agreed that this could be a future project.

H. 2023 Heritage Grant Program

The Commissioners agreed to fund \$5,000 to each qualified applicant with a total of \$40,000 being granted.

I. Staff Updates

Staff received an application from Janice Arnold and Stan Klyne to place the Grand Mound School on the Historic Register. Both Janice and Stan were present at the meeting. The subcommittee has received the application and will meet to review.

J. Other Business

- Rebecca Sanchez attended the meeting as an interested party, she was curious about the Heritage Day event and Commissioner Kirkwood shared the details.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.
Prepared by Sonja Cady, Historic Commission staff.