

MEETING NOTES

Thurston County Historic Commission
Wednesday, January 12, 2022
Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Bldg.1, Room 280, Olympia, WA 98502

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

Members & Alternates Absent: Ken Balsley

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 Lindstrom moved to approve the January 12, 2022 agenda.
Commissioner Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

Commissioner Lindstrom moved to approve the December 8, 2021 meeting notes.
Commissioner Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

B. Election of Officers

Commissioner Crowell moved to re-elect Commissioner Kirkwood as the Historic Commission Chair for another year and open the election for a Vice-Chair to have

more of a supportive role in the Commission and take over as Chair in one year. Commissioner Lindstrom seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussions continued, Commissioner Taylor suggested that the Vice-Chair could chair every other meeting to practice and learn the roll of chairing, they could also be included in setting the agendas. Staff will send the by-laws to determine whether this is possible.

Commissioner Hayes made a motion to postpone the election for Vice-Chair to the February meeting to give Commission members time. Commissioner Rowe seconded. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

C. History Book Rollout/Celebration

The History book celebration and meet and greet with the authors had to be postponed due to the increase in COVID cases. Commissioner Crowell informed the Commission that she will be stepping down her role as the primary contact for the book and welcomes new members to step forward! Staff has been in communications with OHS/BHM, they only have 2 boxes of history books left. Staff is working with Gorham publishing to reorder another printing of books.

Commissioner Crowell reiterated her request to allocate books from this printing for Historic Commission members.

D. 2022 Budget and Work Plan

Mr. Davis requested that this item be tabled until the February meeting so he can speak with the Budget Office about the finalized budget. The item was tabled.

E. RAC Interpretive Panels Update

Commissioner Kirkwood has spoken with the city of Lacey's building department and learned that there will not be a building fee or environmental review fee. He is waiting to hear back as to whether the building plans will need to be reviewed by the planning department.

Commissioner Lindstrom shared that the subcommittee has not been able to meet due to the holidays, weather conditions, and COVID. They plan to meet at the State Library to look through their manuscript collections for photos to use for the panels.

Mr. Davis suggested discussing the budget and hiring of a structural engineer until next month after we have the details on the final approved budget.

F. Renaming of Squaw Point

There are no updates.

G. Joint Washington Trust for Historic Preservation Membership

Staff is waiting on the budget office for approval of this request

H. Plaques

Staff is waiting on the budget office for approval of this request

I. Staff updates

- Mr. Davis reminded the Historic Commission that The Olympia Arts and Heritage Alliance is having a dedication for the Howard Point marker scheduled for February 26th at 1:00 pm.

J. Other Business

- Commissioner Crowell asked the Commission to form a Heritage Day subcommittee at the February meeting to begin event planning early. A theme will need to be picked and she suggested Indigenous Peoples.
- Commissioner Kirkwood asked the Commission members to consider submitting short videos to share for recruitment to the Historic Commission. Commissioner Edwards suggested creating a subcommittee to recruit new and diverse members, staff will send Commissioners the roster, district map, and qualifications.

Commissioner Crowell made a motion to make a recruitment subcommittee led by Commissioner Edwards and Commissioner Roe. Commissioner Hayes seconded. Motion carried.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by Sonja Cady, Historic Commission staff.