



Snohomish County

Historic Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Meeting July 16, 2019 at 7:00 PM Evergreen Fairgrounds

1. **Call to Order-** 7:00PM
2. **Roll Call of Members-** Fred, Shirley, Loren, Katelyn – present
Chris, Jennifer, Nathan - absent
Staff- Gretchen, Jeremy, Peter – present
3. **Approval of minutes-** Minutes from June were approved as reported
4. **Introduction of Guests-** Tom Thorleifson (Lake Stevens),
Franklin Ng (potential Dist 4 rep)
John Smistad (Stanwood)
Dick Prouty (Arlington)
5. **Recommendation and approval additional agenda discussion items –**
6. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Tentative kick-off meeting for historical buildings and structures survey with Chrisanne Becker of Historic Research Associates, Ltd** – Bringing on some strong GIS folks, to help us develop something that can be used for future programs and expansion of our inventory. They have forms on their machines that allow them to fill in all the details of a DAHP historic property form while they're looking directly at the site! Heather Miller and Lindsey make up the set of three main folks working on the inventory.

They'll be developing field maps as soon as they have the 178 properties that we'll start them with. Discussion tonight focused on Goals, Constraints, Available Data, and parameters for choosing the additional 25 resources to survey. Shirley asked if property is designated as "historic" what constraints are imposed on the property. Answer: the survey may indicate that a property qualifies for a register, but that doesn't automatically put it on the register. The owner may choose to put their property on a register . . . or not. Being on the Register does not impose restrictions other than stipulating the certain modifications may disqualify the building for the Register . . . the owner can move forward with such modifications nonetheless. In Snohomish County, there are essentially no downsides to being on the register! Question: will there be an autotour that would include these items? Answer: that's a good idea, maybe it would be a good tourism item, or even something to help local folks become more familiar with their community.

They may be in the field as early as next week, should have most field work done by the end of August, then everything put together by the end of year. Gretchen invited them to present the results at the December HPC meeting. Fred mentioned that having the final results as GIS shapefiles and the HPI information as pdf files would be very handy.

B. **Review of plaque design for Snohomish County Register of Historic Places – Shannahan Cabin (Gretchen)** – Peter passed out copies of what has been chosen as the fundamental design, taken in large part from the National Register folks:

THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE

Snohomish County Register of Historic Places

**BY THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY HISTORIC
PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

The Shannahan Cabin

SCHRP-001

Tom asked if it would be appropriate to add a date (or dates) to indicate things like the “build date” or “register date”. Gretchen and Peter will look at the possibilities. Gretchen plans to promote the placement of the plaque by scheduling a special event for the first item placed on the Register.

C. **Review of two informational pamphlets for the Snohomish County Register of Historic Places (Gretchen)** – Two brochures have been created, one in color for “flash”, and one with more extensive information covering Benefits, Eligibility, Tax Incentives, and the background of the HPC.

D. **Centennial Trail History Walk planning for July 20, 2019 at Machias (All)** – Tom provided a detailed layout. There were no questions. Gretchen said we’ll have a freezer on-site, as well as the coolers. Signs have been created with a few nice images, and will be put on posts along the trail. Gretchen mentioned that the Sauk-Suiattle folks would be coming, but she wasn’t sure if Chris would be doing some flint-napping.

E. **Western Heritage Museum Tour and discussion** – the Tractor Club was meeting in the museum, but we toured nonetheless. The county needs some ideas, including ways of sharing the wealth among the museums. Gretchen would love to see folks on a shared database that would allow us to share items appropriately. Jeremy will examine the items carefully before sending items to auction or offering things for long-term loan. The county can’t simply give things away – either it goes to auction or out on loan.

Impromptu Discussion – none

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 PM

Next meeting Aug 19, 2019