



Snohomish County

Historic Preservation Commission

MINUTES

Meeting Aug 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order-** 7:00PM
2. **Roll Call of Members-** Fred, Shirley, Loren, Nathan – present
Chris, Jennifer, Katelyn - absent
Staff- Gretchen – present
3. **Approval of minutes-** Minutes from July were approved as reported
4. **Introduction of Guests-** Tom Thorleifson (Lake Stevens)
Franklin Ng (potential Dist 4 rep)
John Smistad (Stanwood)
Sue Walde (Arlington)
5. **Recommendation and approval additional agenda discussion items** – Gretchen mentioned briefly that the historic inventory is progressing well, and the consultants have garnered information and maps from a number of local repositories. Fred mentioned he'd not heard from them about info or maps. Fred asked if any additional register applications had come in and Gretchen said "none", and she doesn't expect any for a while. Shirley asked if it was necessary to preserve past grant applications, and it is not, since they're all available electronically. Gretchen also mentioned that Chris would be "absent" until October.
6. **Discussion Items:**
 - A. **Debrief of History Walk 2019** Traffic was low, but there was a lot of competition (Kla Ha Ya Days, Darrington Music Festival, etc.) and surprisingly few children.
Question at hand: Do we want to try it again at another time this year (September)? Tom pointed out that teachers are setting their schedules in the next few days, meaning anything for this Fall would really need to be inserted into their minds right now. Spring might be a better time, particularly if we advertised it better. Nathan pointed out the growth could come from having it repeatedly on the same weekend every year. It was good that everyone that had signed up to participate did show up and participate! The Machias location did provide shelter for any type of weather, and if the event grew as hoped, it could expand to other locations. Franklin asked if there were any statistics, but no one knew. Gretchen felt she could ask to find an answer to that. Any information of that type would help planning. Nathan suggested getting a booth at the train show in Monroe in February.
Decision: No September event; get a booth at the train show in Feb; Nathan will see if Cascade has a cyclist count; Gretchen will ask Parks if they have any stats on trail traffic/dates. Any sound information we can gather will help us in choosing an appropriate weekend next year. Fred suggested that the Everett Herald has been good about writing

articles on history and tourism, and we might request an article on “Snohomish County History on the Centennial Trail”.

B. **Event for Snohomish County Register of Historic Places (Shannahan Cabin) -** Shannahan Cabin celebration will be on the first day of the Fair at 11:30AM, Aug 22nd! The Boards and Commissions dinner will be on the 26th. Loren and Gretchen will be attending, and Franklin hopes to be there, as well (6-8PM).

C. **Discussion of timing of grant applications and review -** Grant applications will be advertised/distributed in November, due in January. This past year, no one had gotten the Work Plan through the budget process, and that must be done before the grants can be processed in any way. That was the major delay. Another process improvement was the Jeremy can sign the grant submittals and agreements. That will *really* speed things. At this point, Fred asked about the amount of money to be available – Gretchen said she’s hoping for \$100K for grants, \$75K for further survey work, and a number of other smaller items. There will not be “holdovers” for projects not completed within the specified time period (i.e. year-end). The only significant change for this year’s application is the remark that preference will be given to capital improvements on buildings that have applied for inclusion on the county register.

Impromptu Discussion – none

Meeting adjourned: 8:10 PM

Next meeting Sep 17, 2019