



Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Dec 5, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

(These are summary, not verbatim, minutes. Audio recordings are available on the Historic Preservation Commission's page at www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/historic-preservation-commission.)

Member Present:	Robert Hinds, Mark Pelletier, Sarah Fox, Sean Denniston, and Alex Gall
Members Excused:	Robert Heaney, Roch Manley
Staff Present:	Jacqui Kamp and Sharon Lumbantobing (Clark County); Jan Bader (City of Vancouver)
Guests:	Holly Chamberlain (Zener House Nomination), Brad Richardson (Clark County Historical Museum), Amelia Shelley (La Center Library)

- I. **Roll Call & Introductions:** Commission members and staff introduced themselves.
- II. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from November 7, 2017:** Jan Bader and Alex Gall submitted edits to the minutes. Sarah Fox made the motion to approve the minutes with revisions. Robert Hinds seconded. All commission members approved the minutes as amended.
- III. **Public Hearing: HST 2017-00005 Charles and Frances Zener House Nomination to the Clark County Heritage Register.**
 - Sharon Lumbantobing presented the staff report for nomination of the Zener House to the Clark County Heritage Register. Sharon provided staff's findings regarding the criteria from CCC 40.240.030(f).
 - The structure meets the criteria of age; significantly associated with the history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, or cultural heritage of the community; has integrity; and falls within two of the listed additional criteria in CCC 40.250.030(f). Which are:
 - 1. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state, or local history.
 - 4. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the county's history.
 - Alex inquired about the usage of the medical facility; Holly answered that there was little evidence of who else used it as a medical facility.
 - The house was probably used primarily for other medical purposes. Holly Chamberlain heard community members regarding local traditions regarding the building, but no concrete evidence of its use.

- Changes have been made over time and much restoration recently, however there are original features left such as original windows, interior staircase elements (balustrade and newel post) and some original oak flooring.
- Sean Denniston asked about records the owner may have that could provide additional information about the history of the building – such as family construction records that could add to the history
- Primary sources included the La Center column in Columbian and Vancouver independent
- Alex Gall asked if it would be appropriate to add criteria 7 since it is a relocated building.
- La Center Librarian, Amelia Shelley stated she could provide additional information about the building that the library has
- Robert Hinds stated he originally had concerns over the integrity and the changes. He went to visit the building and saw that it is a good example of an American Four Square.
- Sean Denniston stated that the nomination documented the changes over time well would see that as part of the record. Historic structures change over time and are not locked in time.
- Mark Pelletier looked at the nomination assuming there would not be a lot of controversy over the four criteria to qualify. It would be good for the city and community to have another registered site in La Center.
- Alex Gall discussed the criteria and believes the argument supports the criteria along with the information about the cultural heritage of the community.
- Sean Denniston stated the nomination establishes the case for the criteria and establishes its eligibility.
- Robert Hinds stated the nomination is well written; having footnote and references strengthens the record.
- Holly Chamberlain asked about footnotes and endnotes. What does the commission prefer?
- Robert Hinds prefers footnotes with parentheticals
- The requirements should be the same for everyone – professionals and non-professionals
- The commission will be working on the Rules and Procedures and should update to provide guidance on what the commission would prefer.
- Holly Chamberlain asked about the process for amending or adding an addendum to the nomination. Jacqui Kamp believes the process would be similar to the nomination process, where we would hold a public hearing which could be done at any time.
- Sarah Fox discussed the commission's role in determining significant features that have been changed, such as the roof. Would the commission require the standing seam metal roof in the future, if the roof would need to be replaced?
- The original roof type is mentioned in the nomination, which is what the commission would use to review any proposal for changes to the building.
- Sarah Fox made a motion to add the Charles and Frances Zener House with the addition of criteria 7 be included and the nomination signed by the owner. Alex Gall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Old Business & Updates:

1) Adopt findings for Jefferson Davis Highway Marker decision.

- The commission discussed the revisions of the findings and was supportive of the changes.
- Alex Gall made a motion to approve the findings of the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker hearing. Sean Denniston seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2) Final Council Presentation Updates: HPC presented to La Center (Nov 8) and Yacolt (Nov 20). Both had positive responses. The Chelatchie Prairie director expressed interest in an interpretive panel.

- Jacqui Kamp informed the commission of the request from the City of Vancouver Planning Commission to present.
- Robert Hinds brought up the idea of presenting to tribal councils. Cowlitz is the only tribe in the county.
- Commission will discuss a regular approach to communicating to councils.

V. New Business

• Clark County Historical Museum 2018 proposal:

- Brad Richardson presented the museum's 2018 program. Two of the talks this year will be off site. Usually they are onsite where they charge museum entry and usually have about 25-75 people. They will be taking the show on the road to historic sites in the county. One will be the Amboy United Brethren Church. North Clark County Historical Museum will prepare the presentation for that site.
- In August, it will be at the Cedar Grist Mill.
- Plan to visit the Heissen Barn, and highlight the barn program. HPC members are welcome to come to any lecture and make remarks/comments.
- Will be hosting a dinner at Summit Grove Lodge
- Planning on changing the October month from Ghost Story to Archive Month and do something with the Hilborn archives potentially with HPC participation.
- Walking tour series (5-6 this year), one on the Heritage Farm and others throughout the county; city of Camas, City of Ridgefield and in Battle Ground downtown.
- Working with the HPC on adding architectural elements to the walking tour notes
- Working on a music exhibit coming up at museum

• 2018 Budget (CCHM, interpretive panels Camas and La Center, etc): Discussion on the HPC budget for 2019-2020.

- Jacqui Kamp provided an overview of the budgets.
- The City of Vancouver provides \$10,000/year. For the past three years, the budget has been allocated as follows: 30% of the budget goes to supporting membership at several museums in the county; 45% goes to outreach (mobile app/interpretive panels); 5% goes to administration (e.g., recording of historic site nomination certificates that had never been done); and 20% goes to direct preservation (nominations).
- The \$2,000 to support the HPC mobile app no longer comes out of the Vancouver budget; it comes out of the Historic Promotion Grant budget. The HPG program budget can also be used to fund non-grant activities of the HPC (such as interpretive panels in Camas, La Center, etc). HPC must make

a budget request to the County Councilors to request the use of the funds for this activity.

- Sean Denniston asked about digitizing old HPC audio and which budget would be used for this. Jacqui Kamp said she will check with the Records Department to find out about which budget should be used for this and who is responsible for updating the audio inventory.
- Sean Denniston asked about updating the county's inventory list. The HPC could submit a CLG grant request to DAHP to update the cultural inventory.
- Alex Gall suggested to look at the city's and county's demolition permits to ensure that buildings over 50 years old don't get demolished without some type of review of their historic value and make sure they are documented before demolition.
- Sean Denniston requested a summary sheet of what each of the museum's does with the membership fees that HPC contributes.
- Robert Hinds asked Holly Chamberlain to keep the HPC in mind to be a speaker or participant in upcoming lectures or talks.
- **Next HPC meeting is scheduled for January 2.** The HPC members agreed to cancel the January 2 and the next meeting will be Feb 6.
- **BNSF mitigation video for Washougal River Bridge Replacement.** Sarah Fox commented that the video did not have any info about the history of the bridge, its historic engineering and how it served the community. BNSF is happy to revise the video and is willing to work with the HPC to revise the video.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.