



**CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Held: June 4, 2013

Members Present:	Andy Gregg, Steve Kaiser, Doug Wilson, Sarah Fox
Members Excused:	Eric Lanciault
Staff Present:	Jacqui Kamp, Clark County; Jon Wagner, City of Vancouver; Jan Bader, City of Vancouver
Volunteers:	
Guests:	Derek Chisholm, OTAK

I. Work Session

- **Historic Preservation program outreach ideas (Derek Chisholm):** Derek presented to the commission a list of education and outreach options for 2013-2014 for consideration. The main components included events, materials, and working in the public schools. Derek offered some specific themes for events that could be a focus such as “Hawaiian heritage”, “Hispanic heritage”, or “Women in Clark County”. For outreach on the materials component, there was discussion about the creation of a mobile application for smart phones/tablets that could be a walking tour of historic sites – or something comparable. With the “working in public schools” component, Andy suggested working with Hockinson School District to involve the kids in historic preservation and holding a Historic Preservation Commission meeting at the school. Another idea was having a charette on the Academy building that would provide more information and education of the building and Mother Joseph.

Jacqui shared with the group some ideas from the historic preservation advocacy workshop she attended during the RevitalizeWA conference. Other CLGs have done “Century Awards”, for those sites that reach 100 years old. Other resources used had to do with utilizing social media (facebook, twitter, pinterest, etc.). Other ideas for outreach discussed included organizing a historic home holiday decoration tour.

With lots of good ideas to consider, the commission will revisit this conversation at their next meeting.

II. Roll Call & Introductions –

- III. **May 7, 2013 Minutes:** Steve made the motion to approve, Doug seconded. They minutes were approved unanimously.

IV. Public Comment – None

V. City Liaison Report – None

VI. Old Business & Updates

- RevitalizeWA debrief: Jacqui, Jan and Jon briefly updated the commission on the RevitalizeWA conference.
- East and South Barracks: Doug shared with the commission that the park recently did a press release on the transfer of the barracks to the park. There is a video of the condition of the water lines in the

barracks that is worth checking out. They are developing plans to replace the electrical lines over the Hudson Bay cemetery. There is also preservation work plans for the 991 building. Plans include restoration of the original façade on the NW corner. The project will also include contracted roofing and siding rehabilitation work, some structural upgrades, and repair of the integral gutter system. They are also analyzing any hazardous materials and developing a report. The public notice will go out soon.

Doug also shared with the commission that the 2nd year of the field school in multicultural studies will be at the South Barracks. Students from throughout the nation will provide critical archaeological survey and excavation work to inform a reconstruction of a Village house and provide information for the restoration of the Village (Kanaka Village) landscape and the interpretation of this important international resource. The field school is a partnership with Portland State University, Washington State University Vancouver, and the Oregon Archaeological Society and will operate onsite Tuesdays through Saturdays from June 18 through August 3, 2013.

VII. New Business & Announcements

- 1205 Broadway – Chase Bank (Vancouver First Savings and Loan – Hillborn design): City asking for recommendations for the proposed Design Review (Jon Wagner): The Chase Bank, historically known as the Vancouver First Savings and Loan building is a Day Walter Hillborn design. It requires Design Review for proposed exterior changes to the site and because of its historic significance the city is requesting the Historic Preservation Commission to review the proposed work. The following describes the proposed improvements:
 - Improvement #1: The mechanical system in general is in need of improvements and Chase is hoping to stop using existing well water system. To accomplish this, a Fluid Cooler system needs to be added to the existing systems. It has been determined that because of the weight of this equipment it cannot be placed on the roof which would have been the preference. Also, as the existing mechanical units are located in the basement the new unit needs to be relatively close. As a result of these issues the applicants are looking to place it on the west side of the building along Broadway. It is a large piece of equipment and can only be partially sunk into grade. They are looking to use metal and or wood screen elements plus additional plantings to lessen the visual impact along Broadway.
Commission comments: Sarah suggested using a metal fence over a wood fence to match the existing material of the screen wall. The rest of the commission agreed.
 - Improvement #2: The project is currently dominated by a two story curtain wall system along the north, south and west elevations. Each of them use single pane glazing typical of the 1961 era, however these systems are now leaking both water and energy. Chase is looking to upgrade this system by replacing the original single pane glazing with a high performance insulated glass system. However given the inherent weights of these new panels it is not feasible to replace with just two 13' sheets of glass. (current glazing height) Instead we are looking at smaller 6' tall sheets of glass divided by a minimal horizontal mullion (2" in height and 4" deep) that would be painted a contrasting dark bronze (matching the window tinting). This strategy should allow the existing (light colored) vertical mullions to remain the dominant visual feature.
Commission comments: Doug suggested keeping the existing horizontal mullions. Sarah thought the proposal was a good option but also prefers keeping the existing horizontal mullions.
- Tour through Time brochure (Jan): Jan informed the commission that the city is almost out of stock of the Brochure. She wanted to poll the commission to see if this brochure was something they wanted to continue to use as a tool. There was discussion on making it a purely web based tool and not printing copies. Also discussed was the mobile application that was discussed during the work session. Steve thought it was a good outreach tool to keep some in hand.

- CLG Grants/Historical Promotion Grant: Jacqui informed the commission that the county did not apply for a CLG grant this year. She has been working on putting together a scope of work for Camp Bonneville, but more research and discussion is needed to put together a comprehensive and appropriate project. That will be worked on for next year which is a no-match year. The county's historical promotion grant is coming up in September.
- July 2nd meeting – cancel!?: Andy would like to have a meeting in July so the commission decided to schedule the July meeting for July 9 with a twist. Doug invited the commission to visit the Field School, therefore those that can make it early can meet at the Field School (3pm) and then we will have the Historic Preservation Commission after either somewhere at the Barracks or at the O.O. Howard House. The details will be worked out and sent with the meeting information.
- Chair elections – August?!: The August meeting will be cancelled, therefore the chair elections will be held at the July 9 meeting.