



**CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Held: August 5, 2014

Members Present:	Sarah Fox, Robert Hinds, Alex Gall, Shell McKedy
Members Excused:	
Staff Present:	Jacqui Kamp, Clark County
Volunteers:	
Guests:	Kelly Puntney, Mike Hale, Larry Swatosh (John Stanger)

- I. **Roll Call & Introductions:** Roch Manley is out of town and not able to attend.
- II. **June 3, 2014 Minutes Approval:** With the change of commission members, we did not have enough previous commission members for a quorum.
- III. **New Business and Announcements:**
 - John Stanger House (CCHR) – Maintenance project discussion: Jacqui introduced the memo from Jon Wagner on the proposed renovations to the house and introduced Kelly Puntney, the caretaker and one of the representatives of the property. Kelly provided a background on the property and how the legal owner is Clark County Foundation with five trustees responsible for the house. Kelly explained that they had received a grant from the county for a new roof, stair replacement and porch and chimney repair. The house is on the Clark County Register therefore requires review of any changes proposed. The commission members asked the following questions.
 - 1. Are there plans we can see for the new construction? Mike Hale replied that they did not have any at the moment.
 - 2. What are the long term plans for the house? Kelly stated that it will be used for educational purposes, but that a lot of work still has to be done to get it to that point.
 - 3. Are the materials you plan to replace going to be the same as the original? Mike and Kelly stated that they would be using the same materials.

The commission discussed the appropriate review process for the changes and they didn't feel that the ramp, stair replacement, and the porch and chimney repair required a Type III review. Jacqui informed the commission that there was precedent on an ADA ramp being reviewed via a Type III process, however if the commission concluded and agreed that what is being proposed does not constitute a Type III review, they could take that action. They agreed that the Type I Administrative Review would suffice, which means that Jon Wagner will review the submitted materials before the permit is issued for the work.

MOTION: Sarah Fox made a motion to allow items 1-4 on their list to go through a Type I review process. The four items are:

- 1. **Chimney repairs:** point and tuck existing brick above the roof line, no changes to the style and no cap to be installed. Reline the firebox in the main parlor using a fire resistant mortar using a natural color mortar
- 2. **Replace front house steps in with new treads, handrail and substructure.** Existing steps have rotted out and are to be replaced in kind.

3. **ADA compliant handicap access ramp off of the North porch running west to the back of the house – constructed of wood.**
4. **Replace decking on the front porch (east side) using Douglas Fir decking milled to similar dimensions of the existing decking on the South porch. Decking will be milled to match existing decking on the South side.**

Alex Gall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The representatives also wanted to discuss with the commission other future plans for the property. They explained that the nomination states that the property consists of 4 acres, however it is actually more like 7 acres. They would like to adjust the property lines to make the entire property into two parcels instead of multiple parcels. One of the parcels would be the arboretum and park and the other parcel would be the historic site. They stated that this would help them with acquiring grant funding. There is another contributing building on the property – the ice house. It needs maintenance as well. The commission asked that the representatives come back when they have a more formal proposal on the parcel changes. All were in agreement.

Kelly invited the commission members to a September 5th Open House to introduce the new Executive Director of the Clark County Historical Museum. The event starts at 6:00 p.m. at the property.

- Historic preservation training/workshop: Jacqui updated the commission on a possible training opportunity provided by the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation staff. Jan and Jacqui will be working on getting them down here for a dual workshop. One for downtown business owners and one for the commission.
- Program administration processes overview: Jacqui explained that the historic preservation program has multiple rules and ordinances in place that need to be reviewed from time to time. If the commission is interested in taking on a review, Jacqui suggests that they add it to their work plan, possible next year. As of now, their work plan is full as staff won't have enough time to take on another project. The Rules and Procedures review is done only by the commission, however any changes to codes requires coordination with all the local jurisdictions and will have to go through each cities' planning commissions and councils.
- Nomination to CCHR: Jacqui informed the commission that she has received a nomination application for a house to be listed in the Clark County Heritage Register. The public hearing will be next month at their September 2 meeting. Nomination packets will be provided once the staff report is complete. The name of the house is the Hey Meyer and Eva Livengood-Meyer house.
- Historical Promotion Grants: Jacqui explained the county's Historic Promotion Grant program. A percentage of the funds collected from document recording fees are allocated for historic preservation activities. The county solicits grant applications once a year (if enough money is available in the fund) to organizations that are looking for funds for historic preservation projects. The commission has applied for them in the past. The program since its inception has been housed in the Board of County Commissioner's office. One of the BOCC's staff works with the Historic Promotions Committee to review the applications and provide a recommendation to the BOCC on what projects to fund and what amounts. There is a possibility that the Historic Preservation Commission may be asked to take on the duties of this grant program. Jacqui informed the commission of her concerns and discussion with the BOCC's staff regarding the fact that the commission sometimes applies for these funds for historic preservation projects. There may be a way to allow a portion of the funds to go straight to the commission for historic

preservation projects and then the remainder be used for a competitive grant process. More research on this proposal is needed. Jacqui will keep the commission informed.

IV. Old Business & Updates

- Ansil Marble House: Jacqui informed the commission that there has been no progress on the Heathen Brewery project. The project is currently working through some Shoreline issues with the county and the state's Department of Ecology. There has not been any response yet on the commission's SEPA comments that were submitted. Jacqui will keep the commission posted on the progress.
- 2015 CLG Grant approval: Jacqui informed the commission that their application for funding for the Mobile app project was awarded. Jacqui is currently working with DAHP on the grant agreement process. She also informed them that she will be meeting with a professor from WSU-Vancouver that is in the Digital Media realm and is interested in assisting with ideas on how the app could work. More information will be provided next month.
- BNSF Bridge-Camas: Sarah provided the commission with a brief background on the bridge replacement project in Camas and shared the Cultural Resource Report with those that had not seen it before. She also spoke with DAHP regarding possible mitigation ideas for the removal of the bridge. The ideas shared were:
 1. The HPC can weigh in on the design of the new bridge
 2. Ask for an updated inventory forms for the rail corridor
 3. Create a display for a local museum on the history of the railroad in Clark county
 4. Develop a presentation on the history of the railroad and its influence on the development of Camas
 5. Develop an essay on the bridge and upload it to historylink
 6. Repurpose a piece of the railroad to be relocated elsewhere in the community
 7. Ask for funds to support an historic railroad project
 8. Ask for a context statement on SPS and its impact on the development of Clark County

The commission discussed the list of ideas, with some in favor of relocating a piece. It would require a lot of collaboration with an organization/entity that would take it. Would it be safe? Where should it go? Shell McKedy asked about the stone house that is near to the bridge and whether that is something that needs some preservation assistance. No one was aware of its background or whether it is historically significant. The commission decided to revisit this topic at next month's meeting. There still is time to come to a decision on a mitigation request.

- National Alliance on Preservation Commission conference: Robert Hinds provided the commission a presentation on some of the information he took away from the conference he attended in July. Robert was awarded a scholarship from the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to attend the conference in Philadelphia. Robert will email the power point slides the commission for their reference.

V. Public Comment - None