



Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Notes

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 - 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.)

Members Present:	Sarah Fox, Sean Denniston, and Roch Manley
Members Excused:	Robert Hinds, Alex Gall, Mark Pelletier, and Robert Heaney
Staff Present:	Jacqui Kamp and Sharon Lumbantobing (Clark County); Jan Bader and Keith Jones (City of Vancouver)
Guests:	Steve Kaiser, Holly Chamberlain, Wayne Bell, Leah Lane, Robin Summers

- I. **Roll Call & Introductions:** Commission members and staff introduced themselves.
- II. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2018.** There was no quorum; the meeting minutes will need to be approved in May.
- III. **New Business Items:**
 - o **Green Barn (CCHR): Request for feedback on barn restoration and potential nomination of chicken house** – Steve Kaiser (former Historic Preservation Commission member) is Albert Green's great grandson. Their barn is 115 years old and is on the CCHR. Kaiser will check to see if the ramps that enter the barn are listed on the nomination as a contributing feature. He thinks they are not. Over the past 18 months, damage has started to take place to the ramps. Kaiser would like to replace the planking on the ramp's deck to match what is there and keep the beams that are supporting the deck, but take the load off them so they don't continue to degrade. Kaiser would like to add pressure treated beams to support the existing beams. The original material would still be there, but not serve a structural function. Not known whether the wood is cedar or fir. Kaiser suggested that he could take original beams from inside the barn and use them on the ramp where they are visible. Manley suggested replacing the beams that are most impacted with similar beams, but not going to extreme measures to salvage existing materials from inside the barn as it is probably not original material used in the ramp. Denniston agreed with Manley in terms of not going to extreme measures to salvage existing materials. Denniston suggested that the rock pile that the beams are sitting on be restored as that will give better drainage and help the wood last as long as possible. The next step is to submit a Certificate of Appropriateness.
 - o Kaiser stated the chicken house dates back to at least 1946 and could be older. The siding is tongue and groove. It shows a continuation of the historic use of the property. It is not in its original location on the farm but has been moved a few feet from where it originally was. It was originally built sitting on earth and has suffered from that. There are also four adjacent parcels left in the family. These properties have been in the family for four generations. The Green House and Green Barn are both on the National Register

and CCHR as separate listings. The chicken house is located between the house and barn. Denniston asked if it could go on the state barn register. Chamberlain stated that the state barn register nomination forms are available and due in early June and grant funds are available. Fox stated that is important to research the historical context of chicken houses and the chicken industry in the area and include that discussion in the nomination. Chamberlain suggested Kaiser to look at chicken house plans and chicken industry information issued from the Federal and State Departments of Agriculture; they are available online. Manley and Denniston suggested that the house, barn, and chicken house could be a set of related buildings. Denniston stated that he thinks it's worth pursuing seeking a CCHR nomination for the chicken house and/or consider amending the existing nomination to add the chicken coop, rather than pursue a separate nomination for the chicken coop.

- **Capitol projects at Carnegie Library (Clark County Historical Museum): Briefing on Upcoming Review.** Jan Bader provided an update on the Slocum House. The repair work will require staff review; the commission will have an advisory role to review the proposed repairs. Bader stated that the Clark County Historical Museum will get new stairs for the entrance to the building. DAHP did not like the original drawings, so they are working to develop ADA accessible stairs that is an acceptable replacement. The building has no air conditioning and DAHP needs to review the proposal for this. This will come before the HPC in the future.
- **Succession Planning for HPC Leadership:** Fox discussed ideas for succession planning for chair and vice-chair of the historic preservation commission. Commission members should think about who might want to step up into these roles. Election to these positions will be in August. Denniston asked if Kamp could send a description of chair and vice chair roles to the HPC members.
- **SHPO Award, May 15 at 1pm:** Jacqui stated that Pelletier and Hinds said that they would like to attend the SHPO award ceremony. Fox would like to attend if she can be back in Camas in time for another meeting. One HPC staff person will attend. Councilor Boldt said that the week after the SHPO award ceremony (May 22), the council would like to recognize the HPC for receiving this award. HPC members should let Kamp and Lumbantobing know if they can attend on May 22 at 10 am. Denniston stated that he might be available. Thanks were extended to Chamberlain and Fox for putting the nomination together.

IV. **Old Business & Updates:**

- **HPC appointment process:** Lumbantobing stated that 15 applications were received for the two vacancies. Interviews will be completed by the end of April and a recommendation will be forward to Vancouver City Council, which will then forward their recommendation to Clark County council. Vancouver city council opted not to conduct interviews this year. Appointments for the two vacancies should be filled by mid-June and the two members will start in July.
- **2018 Budget Discussion:** The HPC approved funding for \$500 for 4 national register plaques and \$500 for a photographer to take new photos of 5 historic sites. The remaining \$1000 for Hilborn display case will be discussed at a future meeting as to

whether to allocate that for something else, such as photographs of 10 more historic sites.

- **NAPC Forum Photo Op:** will be rescheduled as only 3 HPC members were in attendance tonight.
- **Demolition permit:** Alex Gall is absent so this will be discussed next month.

V. Public Comment

Neighbor of Poor Farm cemetery asked if the two grave markers could be returned to the cemetery as they are now in the museum. Kamp will ask Gall to report on this at the next HPC meeting.

Chamberlain stated that the State Historic Preservation Plan is being revised. We would love to have every HPC member respond to a survey that will be circulated to provide input on this planning document. Also, the grant application for historic cemeteries is available on the DAHP website.

VI. Work Session:

Clark County Historic Preservation Code Update 40.250.030. Kamp gave an overview of the CC Historic Inventory. A 1979 county-wide survey included 129 entries. Twenty years later, in 1999-2000, the county updated the inventory. 200 properties were inventoried; some were demolished. A windshield survey and numerical ranking was completed. 208 new properties were considered and 133 ranked high enough to be added. Future survey is recommended; 2020 will be another 20-year interval since the last inventory was taken. Areas to survey should focus on La Center, annexed areas in Vancouver, and the town of Yacolt. Chamberlain stated that the state has a new form for inventories that tie into the Wisaard database. The inventory forms in Wisaard were not part of Clark County's inventory process. There is more info in Wisaard than is in the county's inventory. Kamp is working with Keith Jones to get the city of Vancouver's data into MapsOnline, under the Parks layer. Kamp reported that she talked with county's GIS staff today about creating a new web site for historic properties linked to a map that links back to the county's website.

Kamp gave a presentation of the county's historic code update. Last month, staff handed out the first draft of the code for comment. Today, the second draft of the code is being handed out to the HPC members. The Clark County Council requested a work session in two weeks to get an overview of what historic code changes are being proposed. Kamp explained the types of code changes being proposed.

Next steps in the code update process:

- HPC comments on the code update are due to staff on April 10.
- Clark County Council will hold a work session on April 18 to understand what code changes are being proposed.
- The HPC will hold a hearing on May 1 to approve these recommended code changes and forward the HPC recommendations to the Planning Commission.
- The Planning Commission will hold a work session on June 7 and public hearing on June 21 and recommend code updates to the county council. The county council will consider the HPC code changes in August.

Sean asked if the preservation benefits of Special Valuation should only go to properties on the CCHR. The Special Valuation program itself puts preservation requirements on the property.

Kamp will resend the OPMA video to the HPC members. The city/county need to have a record that all HPC members watched it.

Future agenda item: At the May HPC meeting, Denniston will give a preview of his NAPC conference presentation and Hinds will give a summary of the presentation he gave at the Revitalize WA conference.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.