



# CLARK COUNTY

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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### MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

6<sup>th</sup> Floor Hearing Room, 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver, WA

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Members Present:	Julie Bohn, Sean Denniston, Alex Gall, Michelle Kapitanovich, and Donald Trost
Members Absent (Excused):	Andy Gregg and Roch Manley
Staff Present:	Jacqui Kamp and Sharon Lumbantobing (Clark County) and Mark Person (City of Vancouver)
Guests:	Brad Richardson, Rob Freed, Elizabeth Madrigal, Holly Chamberlain, Milton Berry

1. **Roll Call & Introductions:** Commission members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
2. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from September 4, 2019.** Denniston requested to change "minor" into "moderate" seismic events. Denniston made a motion to approve the minutes and Kapitanovich seconded. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Denniston made a motion to add an agenda item on Providence Academy development. Trost seconded. Motion passed to add the agenda item between New and Old Business on the agenda.
4. **New Business**
  - Historic Promotion Grants committee recommendations: 13 grant requests were received and the committee is recommending that 8 grants be funded as well as one project for interpretive panels for downtown Camas. The committee members summarized the grants being recommended for funding. Trost made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation and Denniston seconded. The HPC voted unanimously to recommend the HPG grants as forwarded by the committee to the county council, with a suggestion to NCHM that they choose a high efficiency heat pump for the heating source, keeping in mind the long term operational cost.



- Clark County Historic Museum presented a budget request: Brad Richardson, CCHM Executive Director, thanked the HPC for their many years of sponsoring the First Thursday Speaker Series. Richardson shared that CCHM has been able to take the speaker series on the road for off-site talks to hold the First Thursday Speaker Series in different communities in large part due to funding support from the HPC. The off-site talks have attracted over 100 people, whereas talks at the museum typically attract 35-50 people. CCHM anticipates reaching 500 people through the Thursday Speaker Series this year. Richardson presented a budget request of \$2,000 to fund the 2020 First Thursday Speaker Series. Richardson provided an overview of the 2020 discussion topics. The HPC will take this funding request into consideration during the 2020 budget discussion in November.
  
- 2020 HPC work plan and budget review:
  - \$10,000 budget from city
  - Annual Memberships
  - Sponsorships: heard from CCHM's proposal
  - Interpretive panels – Camas panels proposed to be funded by historical promotion fund
  - Training –
    - received CLG grant for the NAPC conference in 2020,
    - DAHP commission training – Steilacoom
    - Cultural Resource Summit
  - CCHR plaques
  - Other – security at City Hall
  - 2021 CLG grant consideration for ideas
  - Ideas
    - Demo study
    - Cultural Resources Inventory
    - Intangible cultural resources
  - Memberships – Michelle made a motion to approve the membership renewal for 2020. Julie seconded. All were in favor.
  - Should strive for more direct preservation/educational, i.e. training, seminar?
  - Partner with Architectural Heritage Center on speakers/training to bring it across the river
  - Add “workshop” to budget? “Preservation Workshop for the Community”; Home and Garden show for historic preservation program –
    - How to nominate property
    - Trades (how to renovate)
    - Active preservation program at Clatsop College
    - Join the Home and Garden Fair (Home Ideas Fair)
  - Presentations to city councils
- Continuation of budget discussion to next month

## 5. Old Business

- Discussion of Academy Phase I: Denniston stated that the city's code states that new construction shall preserve view corridors from East Evergreen Boulevard. However, the site plan recently published in The Columbian shows that the site lines from the corner of Evergreen looking towards the Academy Building partially block a large portion of the Academy. SEPA requires evaluation of the impact on cultural heritage and the steps a project will take to mitigate any impacts. The Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation guidelines are to be used to develop mitigation measures. There is also an issue of process. When will the Historic Trust consult with HPC on Phase II? Denniston stated that it is one of the HPC's duties is to educate the public and agencies on historic preservation.
- Denniston made a motion that the HPC issue a formal statement that Phase I does not comply with the city code and is detrimental to the immediate and long-term preservation of the Providence Academy. Bohn seconded the motion.
- Gall asked Person if the project is exempt from SEPA. Person replied that the Academy area is covered in a blanket SEPA. In 2020, the city will update the SEPA for the project.
- Denniston stated that a supplemental SEPA should have been done and that the existing SEPA is insufficient. No mitigation was brought up in the SEPA for Phase I. One mitigation measure would be to place the Academy on the Clark County Heritage Register.
- Person stated that the Phase II site plan in The Columbian is a conceptual rendering, not construction plans. The setback for Phase I is in the land use plans which are available online.
- Denniston stated that there is an open house on Phase II in two weeks (Oct 16) so the issuance of a letter from the HPC is timely. Gall suggested forming a committee to work on the letter to bring it to the commission. Gall encouraged HPC members to listen to the HPC audio from August 2018, May 2018, June 2017 when The Historic Trust met with the HPC.
- Denniston made a motion to form a committee to prepare an HPC letter and Trost seconded it. The HPC approved. Denniston, Trost, and Bohn agreed to be on the committee.
- Denniston asked Person to clarify the HPC's role in demolition of any of the Academy Buildings. Person stated that the City will determine whether SEPA is required for demolition for the smokestack, boiler room and laundry room.
- Gall also mentioned that the archaeological site on the grounds will need to be addressed.
- **Rules and Procedures Update: National Register of Historic Places:** Kamp reviewed the update to the National Register of Historic Places section in the Rules and Procedures. The major change was to the criteria for the HPC to use when reviewing a National Register nomination. The HPC needs to decide if it wants to add language to the Rules and Procedures to request more information from the application or not. DAHP provides the first review before the nomination comes to the HPC. Denniston raised a concern about whether the nomination adequately addressed local history and would like to have the option to request more information from the applicant. Kamp will add text

to the Finding of Fact section about how the nomination either meets or fails to meet the criteria and modifications needed to the nomination for approval.

- **Intangible Heritage Committee (ICH) Update:** Gall shared that the ICH committee is working on a Scope of Work and nomination form template that will be shared with the HPC in November. The committee is proposing that the ICH be called a collection and not a register as the word register might be too formal. Nobody is looking at ICH in the US, so we are looking at the ICH collection as a springboard for discussion and taking it to DAHP to see if they are interested in establishing an ICH register at the state level.
- **Demolition Committee: Next Steps.** The demo committee shared a draft recommendation for the HPC review. The initial idea was to leverage SEPA as a big part of addressing the built environment. Denniston is rethinking the role of SEPA. Gall stated that SEPA is still relevant to the demo discussion. Kapitanovich liked what the committee came up with. Gall asked Person about the city's ongoing code changes regarding demolition. Person replied that the city is looking into where photos of demolished buildings could reside where it is publicly accessible. Denniston suggested that we discuss this further at the HPC meeting in November and/or bring it back to the subcommittee. Kamp stated she will look into SEPA requirements for building size regarding demolition. Kamp shared that staff talked with the county permit staff about changes that can be made. There are some quick fixes that can be made. Staff is developing Scopes of Work with resources and timelines for what can realistically be done.
- **Public Comment:** Milton Berry from Fort Vancouver Antique Equipment Association is looking for guidance on how to find a home to store all the antique equipment and to grow membership. Kapitanovich suggested reaching out to NCHM. Berry stated that they want to be more centralized and are reaching out to the Poor Farm. Kamp shared that the county has a Heritage Farm Advisory board and they accept proposals for what community members want to do at the farm.

6. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.