



AGENDA

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 12, 2023(10:00AM-11:40 AM) Hybrid Meeting

In-Person:

Cowlitz County Admin Building - 3rd Floor GMR, 207 Fourth Avenue North, Kelso, WA 98626

Virtually via Zoom.us

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Meeting ID: 893 5738 3665

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Dial-in (253) 215 8782

Invitees:

Cowlitz County	Historic Preservation Commissioners		Guests
Adam Trimble	Dr. David Rice	Bill Watson	Cowlitz Tribe
Paul Galli	Joel Rupley	Harvey Williamson	Representatives
Laura Gressett	Butch Ogden (Deputy	(Chair)	
Lorraine Fuller	Chair)	Erin Thoeny	

Meeting Purpose: Regular meeting of Cowlitz County Historic Preservation Commission

- Meeting will be Recorded -

10:00am–10:15am

Roll Call & Introductions

Acceptance of Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

- December 8, 2022

Announcements and Monthly Reports

- (VSP) Voluntary Stewardship Program
- HPC Staff (Adam)- CLG annual survey submitted. Grant extension possibility. Follow up from training.
- Tribal liaison

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

10:15am–10:30am

Historic Property Inventory Sub-Committee

- Staff update on results of mailing and number of resulting contacts.
- Request to move initial inventory properties into state WISSARD database to raise awareness of the potentially eligible properties in Cowlitz County.
 - DAHP staff noted that very few properties have been inventoried in Cowlitz County jurisdiction. Those properties which did not opt out could be added to WISAARD database as ‘inventory’ properties. It will raise awareness about the potential historic buildings and when federal projects are proposed such as cell towers, pipelines and transmission lines any impacts to the properties will be assessed.

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- Cowlitz Trails info at I-5 rest stop idea. Staff has consulted with WSDOT Maintenance Superintendent & Outdoor Advertising Manager on potential for installing interpretive signs or sharing brochures at the Toutle rest area. Waiting to hear more.

11:30

- Final Comments & Adjournment**
Next Meeting: Approve Time and Location
- February 9, 2023 10am
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Cowlitz County Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Summary
Thursday, December 8, 2022

10:00 am: ROLL CALL: Chair Joel Rupley called the meeting to order.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Deputy Chair – Harvey Williamson
Chair – Joel Rupley
Dr. David Rice
Erin Thoeny
Butch Ogden
Bill Watson

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

none

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Trimble – Senior Planner, Lorraine Fuller – GIS Technician, Paul Galli – County Surveyor, DAHP Staff: Michael Houser, State Architectural Historian, Michelle Thompson, CLG coordinator.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: Joel Rupley asked to add an item regarding the Cowlitz Trails project to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES: Commissioners noted several corrections to name spelling and punctuation. In the November minutes the distinction between National Register vs inventory, was noted. In the October meeting the spelling of Williams vs Williamson was noted.

SHORT ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

- MOU data sharing agreement renewal at DAHP: Michelle Thompson from DAHP said she would look into the status.
- **Election of Chair and Vice Chair:** The secretary accepted nominations for the Chair position. Commissioner Rupley noted he was not seeking the chair position. Harvey Williamson was nominated. Upon a vote, Mr. Williamson will serve as the chair of the HPC going forward. Joel Rupley nominated Butch Ogden for deputy chair. Mr. Ogden accepted and upon a vote was selected and the next deputy chair of the commission.
- Joel Rupley proposed to the commission that he work with staff to have the Cowlitz Trails 3 different info boards (brochures) installed permanently at the Toutle rest stop on I-5 South bound. Dr. Rice suggested a contact at WSOT to follow up with. The group approved of the effort.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the Rose Valley Grange were in attendance and shared that the grange has a long history in the area. It was built, burned and re-built and has been a grange since 1930. Sadly the septic is no longer functioning. A septic system shared with the school has collapsed, the heater is not working (old oil furnace) and the school asked them to remove the tank because it is near the water well that they share with the school.

The Rose Valley grangers discussed with the commission the importance to maintain the structure for community. The building is older than other granges. Anything that could help maintain the grange would be much appreciated. Staff encouraged them to follow up and make an appointment to look into getting on the historic register and then researching grant opportunities. Michelle Thompson with DAHP mentioned the Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grants Program announced by the National Parks Service. It focuses on rural settings. Butch Ogden noted that all our granges need help.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Discussion: Historic Property Inventory Sub-Committee

- Staff informed the Commissioners that 6 contacts have been received, indicating they would like more information. Staff has invited them to meetings and will follow up with them. DAHP staff noted that there are virtually no properties inventoried in Cowlitz County jurisdiction in the state inventory system WISAARD. He noted WISAARD contains inventoried and registered properties. Inventorying properties imposes no restrictions and no obligations on owners but at least provides the opportunity for federal projects to understand what resources might be out there and be sensitive to them if needed.
- Dr. Rice commented that he would like to see more pre-historic sites included in the inventory so that history is not left out.

Architectural Styles Training: DAHP staff

Michael Houser, State Architectural Historian and Michelle Thompson, Certified Local Government Coordinator, Dept. Archaeology and Historic Preservation were in attendance to give a presentation on architectural styles. Mr. Houser provided a training on recognizing and classifying residential styles that may be present in County jurisdiction. There are many properties of different eras which fit into a defined style and thus can be recognized and possibly nominated to a historic register if they are an intact example with significance. A question about integrity was asked: Michelle Thompson provided that the local register provides tremendous leeway to recognize and nominate properties- local significance, association with people of local significance or events that occurred a place for example. The Commission thanked DAHP staff for their time and presence at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: outgoing chair Joel Rupley adjourned the meeting around 11:45pm