



Cowlitz County Historic Preservation Commission

Cowlitz County Administration Building - Kelso, WA

Summary
[July 13th, 2023](#)

10:07 am: ROLL CALL: Chair Williamson called the meeting to order.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chair – Harvey Williamson
Erin Thoeny Joel Rupley
Bill Watson—Cowlitz Museum

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Vice Chair- Butch Ogden
Dr. David Rice

Guests: Sarah Hutchinson-Kalama Resident, Matthew Merz-Counsel of City of Kalama, Christy Tseu, Alicia Robinson

STAFF PRESENT: Adam Trimble – Historic Preservation Officer, Paul Galli – County Surveyor, Public Works, Rachel Hutchins – Planning Administrative Assistant

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARIES: The minutes were shared and approved.

SHORT ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

Erin: Woodland Historical Society Museum fund-raiser bingo night is June 16th.

Joel: Update on Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP). County commissioners are contracting it out to the conservation district.

Harvey: Acknowledged the article ran in the May edition of Columbia River Reader about the Cowlitz Trails Project.

Reports from Staff:

- HPC Staff (Adam Trimble)
 - o Department updates
 - o Commission members
 - Adam iterates that the members need to start considering a new professional representative member.
 - o [T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#)
 - o Longview Centennial events
 - o Outreach events: Castle Rock Fair, Cowlitz County Fair, Ryderwood
- Cowlitz Museum (Bill)
- Tribal Liaison

Public Comment:

Sarah Hutchinson – Personal home at 454 N 2nd Ave, Kalama burned in a house fire the previous week. Sarah

sought counsel on getting home on national historical registry to help fund rebuilding to a historical accuracy since insurance is trying to claim as a total loss. Adam advised her to seek legal counsel and that her home was in fact outside of Cowlitz County jurisdiction but offered the support of the commission with contacting any resources to help. Erin Thoeny offers Portland Heritage Center as a resource guide for architects for historically accurate builds. Discussion on Erin's log of historic homes in Kalama that are over 100 years old could be of service to help get Sarah Hutchinson the assistance she needs to restore her home since her home is on that list.

Motion: Joel Rupley moves that Erin (Theony) contacts the City of Kalama with the information she has compiled (of the historic homes within the city).

Seconded by: Harvey Williamson

Motion: Passed Unanimously

AGENDA ITEMS:

Outreach and education ideas brainstorming

Harvey: Continue discussion on ideas for outreach to youth. Commission could organize a STEM night for Toutle schools and include old and new tools for farming and logging. Might involve recruiting partners like museums, FFA or sponsors to show off modern tools.

Cowlitz Trails Interpretive Panels:

- Updates on progress toward a permanent installation of the Cowlitz Trails panels at I-5 Toutle rest stop.
- Eligible for remaining CLG grant funds.

2024 CLG Grant:

- Request submitted for \$15,000, \$10,000 was granted. Detailed inventory of 6 Granges. Architectural details and other information for up to 150 inventories. Funding for 4 people to go to RevitalizeWA conference in Vancouver.
- CLG Grant Committee Presentations will be Wednesday, July 12, 2023 beginning at 9:00 am! Presentations will be 15 minutes each-so about 10 minutes for your presentation and 5 minutes to discuss and ask questions of the committee.

Historic Property Inventory

- Next steps- 2nd mailing or start follow up with interested persons?
 - Or wait for grant application to move forward.

Final Comments:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Williamson adjourned the meeting at 11:11am.