



Cowlitz County Historic Preservation Commission

Cowlitz County Administration Building – Kelso, WA

Summary
September 14, 2023

10:11 am: ROLL CALL: Chair Williamson called the meeting to order.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Chair – Harvey Williamson
Joel Rupley
Bill Watson—Cowlitz Museum

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Butch Ogden
Erin Thoeny
Dr. David Rice

Guests: Rose Valley Grange-Tammy, Kristi Tseu, Kirk & Tammy Cunningham of Ryderwood Historic Society Hall

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

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

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

SHORT ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

Reports from Staff:

- HPC Staff (Adam Trimble)
 - o Training for Commissioners: Clark County [‘CAMP’ training offered by National Alliance of Historic Preservation Commissions](#). Friday September 15, 9-5. Adam, Laura, Harvey, Joel, _____ open spot.
 - o [Revitalize WA Conference](#): October 4-6. Four spots reserved.
 - o Cowlitz Trails Panel installation locations
- Cowlitz Museum (Bill)
- Tribal liaison (none present)
- Paul Galli – No Comment

Public Comment:

Tammy from the Grange – Speaks on upgrades and needs of Grange and costs.

Christy – Upgrades for Feed Store in Woodland were discussed. Discussion on Finn Hall history.

Cunninghams – Speaks on upgrades to the Historic Society Hall in Ryderwood. Adam speaks on tax breaks that are offered by the commission.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Outreach and education ideas brainstorming

Harvey: Continue discussion on ideas for outreach to youth. 2) Contact Toutle or Lexington schools about participating in a STEM night old and new logging equipment. 3) other ideas. Rachel Mentions King Agriculture Tractor Museum, Harvey notes they could be a out of county resource.

Workshop on Historic Property Markers and plaques:

- Examples of plaque programs
- Funding sources
- Designs.
- Questions: Who pays for the plaque? Nominator? County? Shared? Adam suggests porcelain enamel, durable and non-fading.
- **Paul from Public Works:** Informs that bridges that are put on the Historical Registry needs to contact Public Works. It could turn into 10's of millions of extra dollars for upkeep and work around. Informs that maintaining anything on the historical registry has a significant cost increase for the public.

2024 CLG Grant:

- Begin outreach. Must have consent from three granges to be on local register.
- Staff to share invite letter for review.
- Contract to be executed. Terms require DAHP review applicants and RFP. Received interest from one consultant so far.

Historic Property Inventory

- Planning second mailing.
- Update on interested owner from Lexington.

Final Comments:

Kirk Cunningham: Suggests Military Trail Road signs. Adam compares to Cowlitz Trails Project.

ADJOURNMENT: at 11:29 am.

Next Meeting: Approve Time and Location

October 12, 2023 10am