

Approved November 13th

**CITY OF EDMONDS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SUMMARY MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

October 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Tays called the meeting of the Edmonds Historic Preservation Commission to order at 5:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall, 121 – 5th Avenue North. He read the Commission's mission statement.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Gerry Tays, Chair
Tim Raetzloff, Vice Chair
Sandra Allbery
Chris Deiner-Karr
Larry Vogel
Steve Waite
Kristiana Johnson, City Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

Rob Chave, Planning Division Manager
Diane Cunningham, Administrative Assistant

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Emily Scott (excused)
Lora Petso, City Council Member (excused)

READING/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

VICE CHAIR RAETZLOFF MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2014 AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER ALLBERY SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER VOGEL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2014 AS SUBMITTED. COMMISSIONER DEINER-KARR SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES

The agenda was rearranged to place the discussion of the 2015 calendar earlier on the agenda.

REQUESTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one in the audience.

ACTION ITEMS

Update of 2015 Calendar

Commissioner Vogel reported that all of the revisions identified by Commissioners thus far have been incorporated into the current draft of the 2015 Historic Calendar. However, he still needs to provide a general thumbnail history of Edmonds and a picture for the two blank pages. Commissioners submitted their final comments so the calendar could be finalized and prepared for printing.

COMMISSIONER VOGEL MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE CALENDAR FOR PUBLISHING, WITH THE CHANGES AS NOTED, THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY COMMISSIONER VOGEL, AND MINOR CORRECTIONS AS NEEDED. COMMISSIONER DEINER-KARR SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The Commission discussed funding options for the 2016 calendar, noting that grant funding was very unlikely. They agreed to approach the City Council with a budget request.

VICE CHAIR RAETZLOFF MOVED THAT THE COMMISSION SUBMIT A REQUEST TO THE CITY COUNCIL THAT \$5,000 BE ALLOCATED IN THE 2015 BUDGET TO FUND THE 2016 CALENDAR. COMMISSIONER DEINER-KARR SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Registration Committee

Commissioner Deiner-Karr is still researching the Bigalow Property. In a recent visit to the Snohomish County Assessor's Office, she was able to locate a 1968 plat map for the North Streams Estate, which was originally part of the land grant that happened in the 1860's. She is working to document the transition of land owners, as well. She provided a brief update of what she has learned so far and indicated she would continue to research county documents and report back to the Commission. She agreed to research information related to the Yost Dam, as well.

Education and Outreach Committee

Commissioner Vogel reported that, as requested by the Commission, he wrote an article for the *UPDATE EDMONDS NEWSLETTER* about the Schumacher Building and its original owners, William and Roy Schumacher. The newsletter will be sent out on October 14th.

Preservation Planning Committee

Commissioner Waite encouraged Commissioners to take time over the next few months to consider what the Commission's image should be. He noted there appears to be some disconnection between the public's perception of the Commission and how the Commission wants to present itself. He also suggested the Commission make an effort to develop relationships with other City Commissions and Boards. The Commission discussed the need to focus on clarifying and understanding the process and clearly conveying it to the public.

Edmonds South Snohomish County Historical Society

Commissioner Allbery announced that the Edmonds South-Snohomish County Historical Society and Museum has hired Dr. Peter Bojakowski as its new director, and his wife has submitted an application to serve on the Commission. The Commission discussed that, although she does not live in Edmonds, she would be eligible to fill the vacant "professional" position. Ms. Cunningham agreed to contact the Mayor's Office regarding the appointment.

Commissioner Allbery announced that the scarecrow festival is in progress, and voting begins on October 16th. There are still tickets available for the October 24th Heritage Days Dinner. Christina Martin, manager of the Summer Market, approached individual vendors, who donated in excess of \$700 of their own product for auction items.

Commissioner Vogel reported that a preliminary concept to remodel the exterior area around the museum is moving forward, and a preliminary concept will be unveiled to the public on October 24th at the Heritage Days Dinner. He briefly reviewed elements of the proposed plan. Questions were raised about whether a Certificate of Appropriateness would be required, and Commissioner Allbery clarified that the proposed changes would not impact the building, just the exterior space in front. The Commissioners discussed that the setting of the museum is just as significant as the structure. They indicated a desire to review the plans, and Commissioner Waite agreed to contact a museum representative for additional information. It was noted that a City permit may be required, as well.

APPROVED

The Commission discussed that the tender wheel monument that is currently located in front of the Edmonds Museum might be relocated to the Veteran's Memorial. The Commission expressed support for relocating the monument and noted that it should be updated and corrected appropriately.

WEB UPDATES

The Commissioners did not identify any necessary changes to Commission's website.

NEW BUSINESS

The Commission indicated a desire to learn more about the Main Street Program, and Chair Tays agreed to contact Michael Houser at the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation requesting that someone from his office provide a presentation on the concept.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Walking Tour

The walking tour was postponed to a later date.

ACTION ITEMS

Discussion on Tucson and How to Improve the Process

The Commission held a brief discussion about why the owner of the Tucson House, located at 232 Sunset Avenue, decided to withdraw her application to add her property to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places. It was noted that some people have significant concern about the public process that is required. The Commission agreed it is important to provide interested property owners with a clear explanation of the process. They further agreed that the process flow chart could be updated and perhaps posted on the website.

New Properties

Chair Tays reported that he attended a Board Meeting of the Edmonds Public Facilities District, asking them to consider placing the old high school portion of the Edmonds Center for the Arts on the Edmonds Register of Historic Places. However, they have not had a quorum present at recent meetings to take action on his request. It was noted that an application has been submitted, but authorization to proceed is still needed.

Commissioner Allbery said she received a request to investigate a home on 9th Avenue. The family she knew who lived there previously were relatives of a lady who owned the Olympic Hotel.

The Commission discussed the status of the Mowatt House, which is listed on the National and State Register, but has not been added to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Deiner-Karr agreed to identify the current owner of the property.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION CHAIR COMMENTS

Chair Tays reported on his visit to Budapest, Hungary, where he stayed in a 14th Century hotel.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Ms. Cunningham announced that on Monday, November 3rd, the City Council will conduct a hearing on the application to add the Schumacher Building located at 316 Main Street to the Edmonds Register of Historic Places. Commissioner Vogel agreed to attend the meeting to represent the Commission's recommendation. Several other Commissioners indicated they would try to attend, as well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED