



CLARK COUNTY

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

These are summary, not verbatim, minutes. Audio recordings are available on the Historic Preservation Commission's page at www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/historic-preservation-commission.

Members Present:	Sarah Fox, Andy Gregg, Robert Hinds, and Michelle Kapitanovich
Members Absent:	Sean Denniston, Alex Gall, and Roch Manley
Staff Present:	Sharon Lumbantobing and Jacqui Kamp (Clark County); Jan Bader (City of Vancouver)
Guests:	Laura Haggatt and Patrick Lee (Clark County Public Works), Holly Chamberlain, Brad Richardson, Martha Martin, Ginny Frosh, Jack Wager, Bruce Fuerstenberg, David Parker, Richard Hamby, Larry Keister, David Ripp

- I. **Roll Call & Introductions:** Commission members and staff introduced themselves.
- II. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2019.** Gregg moved to approve the minutes with minor edits and Hinds seconded. Meeting minutes were approved.
- III. **78th St. Heritage Farm Master Plan update presentation:** Pat Lee and Laura Haggatt from Clark County Parks gave an overview of the Heritage Farm Master Plan Update. The historic elements affected are the Interpretive Trail Plan, which has interpretive stations with stories about the farm, and the Farm Preservation and Maintenance Plan, which provides input on the condition and proposed uses of historic buildings. The Commission asked what input the Parks Department needs from the HPC. Lee replied that he wanted to provide a general update on the Master Plan. Lee stated that the silo that had been moved to the farm from an off-site location in 2010 and has been demolished at the direction of council because it was beyond repair and was not original to the farm. Kamp stated that the Heritage Capital Fund might be an available source of grant funds in 2020 for restoration of historic farm buildings.



IV. Public Hearing: Nomination to the Clark County Heritage Register for Parkersville Landing, Washougal, WA

Lumbantobing gave a summary overview of the staff report.

- The site is listed on National Register of Historic Places as an archaeological site
- The nomination meets all three criteria to be listed on the Clark County Heritage Register:
 - The site is significantly associated with Chinook Speaking people. Native American artifacts have been found in the Camas-Washougal area on and nearby Parker's Landing Historical Park. The site was added to the National Register of Historic Places and the Washington State Heritage Register in 1976 based on its archaeological value and its association with the Chinook-speaking Native Americans of the area.
 - David C. Parker was the first permanent American settler in Clark County. In 1854, Parker built a small dock (Parker's Ferry/Parker's Landing) on the Columbia River to accommodate river boats and platted the town of Parkersville. Lewis Van Vleet was assigned as administrator of his estate. Van Vleet purchased 210 acres and platted an addition to Parkersville to allow for more growth. However, following challenges regarding property titles in Parkersville in the late 1870's, development in Washougal boomed as Parkersville went into decline.
 - Three generations of the Van Vleet family are associated with the site from 1858 to 1978.
 - Period of significance dates are over 50 years
- The nomination also meets three additional criteria as follows:
 - 1) It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state, or local history.
 - 5) It is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state, or local history.
 - 6) It has yielded or may be likely to yield important archaeological information related to history or prehistory.
- Staff recommends approval to the Clark County Heritage Register

The HPC had no questions for staff and agreed with the staff report.

Fox invited the applicant's representative to comment. Brad Richardson, Executive Director of the Clark County Historic Museum, provided an overview of the nomination.

Richardson: This nomination is focused on the historical significance for listing in the CCHR. Over the years, the Port of Camas-Washougal has enhanced the site with park amenities and interpretive elements. Based on photographs and research, we were able to locate landing dock, hotels, and the river light locations. Prior to nomination, these were not known.

Richardson provided an overview of the history of the site and the information contained in the nomination.

HPC questions and comments for the applicant included:

Gall submitted written comments as follows that were read into the record:

- The nomination is very thorough. It is almost incorporating too many points into the nomination instead of focusing on the relevant, contributing elements.
- Page 9, Apple Trees section would read better if it said "van fleet home burned in 1978" instead of "1978 home..."
- Page 11, River Light section. The name is Jemtegaard with a "t", not Jemegaard. Needs changing throughout document.
- Page 14, Precontact section. First sentence, change "our" to "the" region. The rest of that section is pretty weak and could use reworking by an archaeologist.
- The references could use some bolstering.

Fox: Enjoyed reading the details of the site. Stories were fascinating and need to be told.

Hinds: This was a very well written nomination. All the reference material is what we've asked to receive for nominations. Asked a few questions regarding the "precontact" and what is the source of the disease and mortality information.

Richardson: There is evidence, which we can provide to supplement.

Hinds: Settlers Bush Simmons and Ough, mentions that Ough married White Wing. Was she Chinook speaking?

Richardson: She was Chinook speaking.

Hinds: The nomination states that Van Vleet arrived from Seneca County, NY, as a mason. Does that mean he was a freemason? If yes, did he learn that locally or did he bring that with him?

Richardson: Yes. He was a freemason. Unsure if he brought it with him.

Gregg: On plat map there is a reference to Van Fleet and Van Vleet. Which is correct?

Richardson: The correct spelling is Van Vleet.

The chair opened the floor to public comment.

Martha McMartin: Rosalee McCrae and Roberta Tidland were some of the original people that worked to get this site on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The history of getting this site on the national and local register is important as well. Many people have worked together to support getting this site listed over many years.

Ginny Frosh: This is an extremely important site that was a thriving community in the 1800s, and boats brought people and animals to settle the area. We need to do everything we can to make sure that current and future residents understand the importance of this site.

Bruce Fuerstenberg, Chair of Advisory Committee for Parkersville for Port of Camas-Washougal: Many of you are aware of the private development that was proposed on the site

ten years ago, called Riverwalk, and the threat that future development looms over the site. Being listed on the local register will keep this site protected in perpetuity.

The HPC deliberated:

Hinds: Very well documented and a slam dunk of a nomination.

Kapitanovich: Great to see the passion and the number of people involved in the effort.

Gregg: This nomination does two things: first, it is a gift to future applicants as it demonstrates how to write a truly excellent nomination; secondly, this nomination is a repository of information about Parkersville. Finding sources is very difficult. It's a piece of historiography that wouldn't have existed if the nomination hadn't been written.

Hinds made a motion to approve the nomination as is and forward Alex's recommendations to the applicant for edits. Fox requested a more specific motion to take into account the simple edits of spelling/typos. Hinds amended the motion. Kapitanovich seconded the amended motion. The CCHPC voted to approve the nomination of the Parkersville Landing Site to the Clark County Heritage Register.

V. Old Business and Updates

1. HPC Member Appointment Committee Update
 - Ten applicants applied and five interviews were conducted. Two applicants were recommended and forwarded to City of Vancouver council, which will forward a recommendation to County Council.
2. National Main Street Conference Update
 - Hinds gave an update on highlights of the conference.
3. Cultural Resources Summit Update:
 - Alex Gall plans to attend on behalf of the HPC and present the demolition study and why it is needed.
4. Demolition Project Update:
 - The contract has been issued to AECOM to conduct this work and make recommendations to the HPC by August 2019.
5. PBRS Update
 - Jacqui provided an update and received direction of proposed changes to consolidate the historic categories from 6 to 3. The three categories are:
 - Historic/archaeological site: designated
 - Historic site: eligible
 - Historic/archaeological site: buffer to designated or eligible site
6. Lions Club Presentation Update

Fox gave an update of the presentation. She suggested that we reach out to more community groups to provide information about the program. Jacqui will reach out to the Neighborhood Association Council of Clark County. Sarah will reach out to the Vancouver equivalent.

7. The City of Vancouver announced that they would delay the implementation of the Westside Mobility Plan for another year, due to the volume of public comment they received, including from the HPC.

VI. Rules and Procedures Subcommittee Update

Kamp gave an overview of what changes need to be made to update the Rules and Procedures manual. The HPC provided some feedback:

- The HPC receives a CCHR nomination packet or Certificate of Appropriateness request five days before an HPC meeting, and then needs to vote to approve or deny. In some Oregon cities, the nomination is received well ahead of the public hearing and the HPC has time to provide comment ahead of time. Could the HPC be given 60 days to review and offer comments ahead of the HPC meeting to approve or deny an application?. Staff explained that nominations are submitted 30 days before the HPC hearing per code and staff reviews the nominations to discern if the HPC would be likely to approve and asks for revision if likely to not be approved. The code states that nominations and Certificate of Appropriateness must be submitted 30 days in advance of a hearing. Chamberlain suggested that new releases for archaeology sites could still be provided without indicating the location.

VII. Public Comment:

Richardson thanked the HPC for its continuing support of CCHM's First Thursday Speaker Series. The CCHM plans to start an annual series of talks called Celebrate Main Street that will focus on historic properties on main street. Tomorrow's lecture will focus on the Kiggin's Theater. Richardson offered the museum space for free to the HPC if they ever want to hold a seminar or training session for the community. Richardson also wants to continue to partner with the HPC on putting plaques on historic buildings in the county.

Fox shared information about the Green Book, a travel guide for black Americans that had a few listings throughout Washington, including one that was in Vancouver, which is off Main St and 39th. Lumbantobing said she will forward a link to Richardson about this. Gregg shared that the building mentioned in the Green Book was there until the early 1970s and it is located at the current location of the WSDOT.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.