

City of Bainbridge Island
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
October 5, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE:

HPC Members:

David Williams, William Shopes, Sandra Burke, Adrienne Wolfe, Carol Oas, Francis Jacobson

HPC Non-Member Advisors:

Heather Wright (City Planner / Staff Designee), Rick Chandler (Curator, Bainbridge Island Historical Museum)
Sarah Blossom (City Council Liaison); Olivia Sontag (City Planner)

Member of the Public:

Charles Schmid (Association of Bainbridge Communities)

CALL TO ORDER / APPROVALS / CONFLICTS

- Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
 - There were no conflicts of interests
 - The Minutes for September 2017 were approved
- Introduction of Ms. Sontag
 - Ms. Wright was promoted from the position of Senior City Planner and will no longer be our COBI staff liaison
 - Ms. Sontag was recently hired by the COBI Planning Department
 - She has recently worked for the University of Washington at both the Tacoma campus and the main Seattle campus
 - She is a native of the Silverdale / Central Kitsap region

PUBLIC COMMENT – Charles Schmid moved his request for time later in the meeting

YAMA NOMINATION TO NATIONAL REGISTER

- There are no developments to report

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CONFLUENCE REPORT

- Ms. Wright said that inventory forms for the assigned properties have been completed and uploaded into WISAARD.
- Confluence Consultant Connie Gray will be attending the November 2017 meeting

UPDATES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS

- Sign Prototype Update by Sandra Burke
 - The printed sample was scaled back to fit her printer
 - The words printed on top read “City of Bainbridge Island” along with the logo while the words “Historic Register” on the bottom. The font is universal in size.
 - Mr. Williams would like to have the logo scaled back
 - Ms. Burke’s primary concern is that the historic inventory has conflicting names for some properties while other properties have no historic name at all
 - The need for a committee to search the register and applications for the correct assigned names.
 - The Historical Museum has scanned the nomination forms for every property on the register and can be found in its Past Perfect database
 - The Committee will be made up of Mr. Jacobson, Ms. Oas and Ms. Burke

- Updated Waterfront Trail Map referencing Historic properties and trees
 - The Association of Bainbridge Communities, which Mr. Schmid is a member of, has updated the Waterfront Trail Brochure.
 - The updated brochure contains, in addition to standard items for tourists: dining, refreshments, restrooms, public parks, boat launches, etc., ten historic trees and ten historic structures
 - The map shows where each is, indicated with a number, and the brochure explains each tree or structure based on the number
 - The comments from the HPC were as follows:
 - Mr. Williams suggested putting the Capt. Franks house (across Red Pines Park on Parfitt Avenue)
 - He also suggested that Moritani Preserve also be added.
 - One of the trees listed (an apple tree adjacent to the Historical Museum and the Bainbridge Performing Arts Center
 - Ms. Oas suggested an apple tree in the Columbia Bank parking lot by Bjune Drive.
 - Ms. Wright suggested a historic context statement detailing Winslow Way's original structures and primary landmarks
- Register Eligible Notifications – Update from Heather Wright
 - Ericksen Avenue property owner letters went out on September 29, 2017
 - She is now preparing to compose and send out letters for the historic farms
- State Route 305 Pedestrian Bridge
 - Mr. Jacobson looked at three bridge prototypes:
 - A bridge with paved surface and shoulder height lattice work siding
 - A covered bridge with a style and color similar to that of the Agate Pass Bridge
 - A covered bridge with a boxlike structure with light brown siding. The reason for considering this bridge is that it fits the current architectural style that is a sort of “retro” design.
 - Ms. Burke said that the bridge's design should be an extension of the bridge already constructed and in use.
 - In addition, the side of the bridge needs to be high enough to prevent hooligans from throwing rocks down onto moving cars.
- Fall / Winter Appreciation Event – Adrienne Wolfe

CREATING AN INVENTORY DATA BASE FOR PUBLIC USE

- Mr. Williams spoke of having a database accessible via the websites for the museum and COBI that would provide data for the historic sites.
 - The DAHP's WISAARD site is rather cumbersome, and a local database might be more helpful
 - This could be a community service project for technically savvy high school student.

OTHER MATTERS

- Gerald Elfendahl wrote to Mr. Williams and Ms. Burke about three matters he was concerned about three specific items he believes the HPC should be discussing. Those items and HPC responses are below:

- Moritani Preserve Dedication and Interpretation (Who is overseeing?)
 - The Dedication is on October 15th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm
 - The BI Parks and Recreation District now has custody of the property
 - The project itself was undertaken and financed by the Fletcher Bay Foundation
- Adding Battle Point Park to the Fort Ward National Historic Register
 - Battle Point's radio tower was once one of the tallest structures on the West Coast
 - It was believed to have been referenced in the 1957 novel "On the Beach" in which Australian naval officers attempt to find the source of a mysterious radio signal coming from the Puget Sound area despite the entire Northern Hemisphere having been annihilated by World War III
 - Mr. Shopes said that one problem was that many of the historic structures are no longer standing.
 - Mr. Williams said that Battle Point Park should be on the local historic register and will contact John Rhoads or the Parks Department.
- Acquisition by the Park District of the Cave-Jensen House
 - The HPC has addressed this and has determined that it is Register Eligible, and will be working with the Parks Dept.
- Mr. Elfendahl also wanted to know if the HPC's work includes the Island's natural history (geology, vegetation, etc.), and if the HPC is now involved in the process of public interpretation.
 - Beyond Historic Trees, the HPC does not work on any aspects of the Island's natural history
 - As for interpretive material, the HPC can approve and suggest any interpretive signage. It has no role in creation. So interpretive signage for a park like Sakai would be done by the Parks Dept. and not the HPC.
 - The only advisory commission that would have a role is the "Road Ends Commission" which was merged with the "Harbor Commission" and renamed the "Marine Access Commission."
- Suyematsu Update – Rick Chandler
 - Friends of the Farm has found leakage in the gas pump and is concerned about the state of the underground storage tank
 - The farmhouse will be undergoing some electrical upgrades.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at about 3:00 pm