

City of Bainbridge Island
Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of August 6, 2015 Meeting
Location: Council Chambers

Attendees:

Dave Williams- Co Chair
Will Shopes-Commissioner
Heather Beckman-PCD
Rick Chandler-Bainbridge Island Museum
Jim McNett-Design Review Board
Mimi Sheridan-Historic Preservation Consultant
Morgan Smith-Deputy City Manager
Wendy Tyner-Executive Director/Friends of the Farms
Becca Hanson-Board Member/Friends of the Farms
Jonathan Davis-Architect
Jonathan Garfunkel-Executive Director/Educulture

Co-Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 2:00p.m. He informed the attendees that the only subject to be discussed was the draft nomination to the Local Register for Suyematus Farm, prepared by Mimi Sheridan. The other items, originally scheduled for this date, will be discussed at an August 13, 2015 meeting.

Ms. Sheridan walked the attendees through the nomination and answered many questions. The nomination is for approximately 5 acres of the original 40 acre farm. The 5 acres are in the northeast section of the farm. She also discussed a matrix of all the buildings on the farm noting possible uses and register eligibility. She noted that berry sheds (#29 and #30) while not within the five acre area were still included in the nomination.

Friends of the Farms were very curious about what kind of uses and activities could take place within the area of Suyematsu that will be nominated. Mr. Williams and Mr. Shopes both replied that, at this point, it is difficult to state with any degree of specificity but that their primary concern was that the historic integrity of the farm be maintained.

Ms. Tyner and Ms. Hanson stated that their organization was in the process of preparing a long term master plan for Suyematsu Farm and they need some direction on what may or may not be allowed at that location. The Commissioners agreed that this needs to be detailed much further.

Ms. Hanson suggested a workshop of the Commission and Friends of the Farms to begin a process of creating rules and guidelines for use of the property. It was agreed that this was a good approach. Ms. Beckmann will work with the attendees to come up with possible dates for the workshop.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Co Chair Williams at 3:00 p.m.