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**CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

Meeting Held: April 3, 2012

Member Present:	Andy Gregg, Eric Lanciault, David Fenton, Doug Wilson
Members Excused:	Steve Kaiser
Staff Present:	Jan Bader , Jon Wagner and Greg Turner, City of Vancouver; Jacqui Kamp, Clark County
Volunteers:	
Guests:	Casey Wyckoff, Larry Swatosh, Mike & Doris Hale, Kelly Puntenev

I. Work Session

- 2013 CLG Grant Applications: Jacqui Kamp spoke with the commission about the potential projects for this round of CLG grant applications due at the end of April. One is to survey, inventory and record the historic resources at Whipple Creek Park. The second is to update the county’s cultural resources inventory. Jacqui informed the commission that she had asked Doug Wilson which he thought was most needed and his opinion was for applying for Whipple Creek. The rest of the commission was in agreement with Doug and has tasked staff to apply for funding for the Whipple Creek historic resources. The city will not be applying for grant funding this year due to lack of staff to administer the grant.

II. Roll Call & Introductions

- Steve Kaiser was excused from the meeting

III. March 6, 2012 Minutes Approval

- David made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. City Liaison

- Kiggins Theater National Register nomination – There is a small glitch with the theater’s National Register nomination submittal. Derek is working with the state to fix it.
- Hough mailbox issue – Jan reiterated to the commission that she had investigated the city’s requirements regarding mailboxes and found that they have no say over the placement of mailboxes. The commission would like to draft a letter to the local post office expressing their support for Hough neighborhood residents to receive mail delivery to their front door and not have to move their mailbox to the street.

V. Public Hearings

- Design Review – Greely Building (CCHR) – 1012 Washington Street, Vancouver: Greg Turner, City Staff presented the staff report to the commission. There are essentially two requests. The first is for construction of a new entrance with an awning. The second request is to redo an overhead door. They would also like to paint windows on the Washington Street side black. Eric Lanciault asked if there had

been any thought to making all three entrances (the proposed and the 1966) look the same, more like the original entrance. Casey Wyckoff stated that the owners would like to change the 1966 entrance once they get a tenant in the first floor space. Eric stated that he doesn't believe the 1966 entrance adds to the building's historic features and is worried that this style of new entrance will feel the same way fifty years from now. He further stated that he has no issue with the overhead door proposal. Eric further suggested that any new work done on an old building like this to stay consistent; therefore he suggested using dark colors on the lower levels. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. Doug made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. David seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Design Review – John Stanger House (CCHR) – 9215 SE Evergreen Highway, Vancouver: Jon Wagner, City of Vancouver staff, presented the staff report for the request for a new free-standing sign along Evergreen Highway. Doug Wilson asked if a predetermination survey was required. Jon explained that it was not because the ground in the area had already been disturbed during the development of the highway. Jan Bader, City of Vancouver read commissioner Steve Kaiser's comment's into the record. Steve's comments included suggestions on using pre-painted aluminum for the sign letters, using clear cedar for the sign boards and a suggestion for the binding of the boards. The applicant, Larry Swatosh explained that he is a trustee of the Weber estate and a Board member of the Arboretum. He stated that it was Mrs. Weber's dream to keep the house and property protected and undeveloped. Clark College eventually took the property. Swatosh stated that Weber was a classy woman and he wanted the sign to reflect that. He built the sign already himself and the letters are routed in the wood. Swatosh showed the commission a sample of the sign. The wood is 2 x 4 pressure treated. It is not meant to be a permanent sign. He explained that he didn't know he would have to go through this process until after he built the sign. Doug Wilson explained that the process is more to review the location and feel of the sign so that it works together for the feel and significance of the site and house. There was no public comment and the hearing closed. Eric Lanciault made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. David Fenton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There was further discussion regarding fundraising for the preservation and restoration of the house and site. Andy suggested that the commission could possibly host an event at the site as part of their outreach. The representatives stated that Friends of Clark County does something similar, but they would welcome any ideas.

VI. Unfinished/Old Business

- 2012 CLG Grant – Nomination of County Farm to National Register: Jacqui Kamp, county staff, updated the commission on the selection of consultant for the National Register nomination work for the County Farm. The selection committee chose Peter Meijer Architects for the work. Jacqui stated that she has already met the project team out at the site and the firm has gotten a running start. A draft should be ready for review in May. Jacqui will forward it on to commission for review.

VII. New Business & Announcements

- Eric Lanciault will be giving a lecture this Thursday during the museum's first Thursdays after hours on the work of local architect Don Stewart. The lecture will highlight three of Stewart's buildings: the Garfield building, the Skamania County Courthouse and Clarke Hall on the Washington State School for the Deaf campus.

With no further business to discuss, the meet was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.