



CLALLAM COUNTY HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES of APRIL 5, 2021

MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD (HAB)

Chair Paul Gleeson called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m., Monday, April 5, 2021. Also present were David Brownell, Mike Doherty, Roberta Griset, Larry Lang, Nancy Messmer, Margaret Owens, and Judith Stipe. Joan Quigley had an excused absence. Chair Gleeson appeared in person to convene the meeting. HAB Members appeared in person or by either video or audio. According to Governor's Proclamation (COVID-19) in person attendance is permitted under Phase Three.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: Roberta Griset moved to adopt the agenda as presented, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: Paul Gleeson moved to approve the March 1, 2021 minutes as presented, motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Katherine Vollenweider, Former Director of Sequim Museum and Arts, commented on HB 1386

BUSINESS ITEMS

Review the tentative ranking

The tentative ranking for the small and large project were reviewed to see if the committee agreed with initial ranking based on the individual committee member rating. The committee agreed unanimously with the rankings.

Small projects

- 1) 20-01 Clallam County Genealogical Society \$2,400

Large projects

- 1) 21-03 North Olympic History Center \$17,805
- 2) 21-05 Sequim Museum & Arts \$30,000
- 3) 21-02 New Dungeness Light Station \$26,000
- 4) 21-04 Port Angeles Arts Commission \$12,000

It is now too late to add to ranking from members of HAB who had not previously submitted their ranking spreadsheet by the deadline, specifically from Joan Quigley and Mike Doherty. Discussion noted that these scores are preliminary ratings and are used to guide the final scoring and dispersal of funds.

Review and Recommendations

21-01 – CC Genealogical Society – Digitization of Obituary and Naturalization records

Obituary Collection - Scan and convert to digital copies which will be placed on the CCGS website, searchable and accessible to the public.

Naturalization Records-Convert early naturalization records of Clallam County from microfilm to a digital record which will be place in an online data base, searchable and accessible to the public website

Review Project Eligibility

Review the tentative ranking

Review project application and select elements to fund

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Determine funding level for projects.

Review comments

- a. Judy Stipe noted she reviewed the computers the GS has proposed to purchase and supports the project.
- b. Nancy Messmer noted she is favorable towards this and other small projects because we accomplish a lot with the funds.
- c. Mike Doherty noted similarities between the Genealogical Society project and other projects, wants to know if other local organizations, Tribes, museums would consider joining this project under the same contract.

ACTION TAKEN: David Brownell moved that the projects be fully funded at \$2400, Judy Stipe seconded motion, motion carried with no opposing votes and 1 abstention.

21-02 New Dungeness light station Gutter replacement

Repair and replace the 100+ year-old Gutters on the historic New Dungeness Lighthouse

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Determine funding level for projects.

Review comments

1. Roberta G wished they had more detail or better breakdown on the project, the Lighthouse is not easily accessible.
2. Paul Gleeson noted this "maintenance" activity does qualify for HAB funding as the building is on NRHP.
3. Mike D noted the potential of the lighthouse in the upcoming National Maritime Heritage Area; this is a lot of money that is being used for repairing a building and would not be his highest priority.
4. Larry Lang noted the lighthouse is a noteworthy historic artifact but comes out on the low side of scoring against the other projects.

ACTION TAKEN: Larry Lang moved that the projects be partially funded, Roberta Griset seconded motion, motion carried with 2 opposing votes and 1 abstention. In subsequent action the project was funded at \$8,600.

21-03 NO History center – Archival preservation collections Management

NOHC will bring its aging server-based data system up to date by making it cloud-based, accessible to the public and manageable by volunteers. We will use it to manage the Research Library, Archive Collections, membership, presentations, newsletters and communications. Researchers will be able to see our photographs and archives in a web environment. NOHC will become a virtual museum and continue to be an excellent resource for Clallam County.

Review Project Eligibility

Review the tentative ranking

Review project application and select elements to fund

Determine funding level for projects.

Review comments

1. Margaret Owens noted she supports this project.
2. Judy S noted she gave this request a low score as the application appeared to be a draft.

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3. Nancy M said she values digitizing the records very highly and is leaning towards funding this project, but probably not for the entire amount.
4. Roberta G noted she supports the digitization of records, but she is concerned about the expense of the Apple Mac computers, when there are comparable options that cost much less than Apple brand computers.
5. Mike D noted that NOHC projects benefit the entire Clallam County community, and he supports the project, and hopes that this project may be able to grow to include other organizations or entities and link their various collections together.
6. Robert G noted that the one-year timeline of this project seems ambitious, and it would be more likely to succeed with a longer timeline of 2 years or longer.
7. Judy S made a motion that the project is funded at a partial level, Roberta seconded the motion.

ACTION TAKEN: Judy Stipe moved that the project be partially funded, Roberta Griset seconded motion, motion was carried with no opposing votes and 3 abstentions. In subsequent action the project was funded at \$14,500.

21-04 PA Arts Council – Replace “Norman” mural on east end of Barhop

Replace existing first mural "The Norman" currently on the east wall of Bar Hop on Railroad Avenue downtown Port Angeles.

Review Project Eligibility

Review the tentative ranking

Review project application and select elements to fund

Determine funding level for projects.

Review comments

Paul G noted that this project is ineligible to funding through this grant program. The guidelines state that "Maintenance and repair of non-historic buildings and maintenance and repair of interpretive displays or exhibits" are ineligible projects.

ACTION TAKEN: approved by unanimous consent

21-05 Sequim Museum Completion Sequim Paving and Door

Complete the grounds for safety & access to residents, tourists, students, and other diverse visitors. Safe entry for the "Maker Space, Art, Photography, Music & History Classes, Public access for meetings, conferences, or other assembly when needed. At 80% completion, the campus needs to be finished with security & safety features such as paving & front door replacement.

Review Project Eligibility

Review the tentative ranking

Review project application and select elements to fund

Determine funding level for projects.

Review comments

1. Margaret O noted that it was unclear why the tinting would be applied to murals if they were already inside the building.
2. Larry L inquired why the current front door to the Museum was inadequate.

ACTION TAKEN: Paul Gleeson moved that the project be partially funded, David Brownell seconded motion, carried with no opposing vote and one abstention. In subsequent action the project was funded at \$14,500.

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Recommended funding level for projects. The total available funding for this grant cycle was \$40,000 as set in the county budget. After review and discussion, the following funding levels were suggested for approved projects:

- 21-01 Clallam County Genealogical Society -- \$2,400
- 21-02 New Dungeness Light Station-- \$8,600
- 21-03 North Olympic History Center-- \$14,500
- 21-05 Sequim Museum-- \$14,500

ACTION TAKEN: Paul Gleeson moved that the projects be funded at these levels, Roberta Griset seconded motion, motion carried with no opposing votes and no abstentions.

Committee recommendations will be forwarded to Deputy Clerk of the Board for consideration by the commissioners

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

NEXT MEETING – May 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 6:27 p.m.