



CLALLAM COUNTY HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES of February 2, 2026

MEETING OF THE HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD (HAB)

Paula Hunt called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., Monday, February 2, 2026. Also present were Nancy Messmer, Lindsey Sehmel, Bryon Monohon, Frank Maybury, Mike Doherty and Derrick Eberle. Loni Gores, Clerk of the Board, was present.

Introduction of Derrick Eberle new District I Board Member

Eberle introduced himself and provided his background.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: Maybury moved to approve, Sehmel seconded, motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- October 6, 2025

ACTION TAKEN: Maybury moved to approve, Hunt seconded, motion carried (Monohon abstained)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Judith Reandeau-Stipe, Sequim, requested that the Board not give grants to the same organizations each year. Commented on the Elk's Lodge mural. She thanked those who supported her.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- **Selection of Chair and Vice Chair 2026**

Doherty requested to hold off on election of the Chair and Vice Chair. He plans to discuss officers and strategic planning sessions for the good of the order section. HAB members held discussion regarding 2026 Chair and Vice Chair. Hunt recommended electing officers since all members were present.

ACTION TAKEN: Maybury moved to nominate Paula Hunt as Chair, Doherty seconded, motion carried

ACTION TAKEN: Messmer moved to nominate Frank Maybury as Vice Chair, Sehmel seconded, motion carried

- **Heritage Fund budget review -Deputy CFO Rebecca Turner**

Turner provided a report on the Heritage Fund balance. HAB Members held discussion.

- **2026 Heritage Fund applications – review and recommendation**

North Olympic History Center application:

HAB Members held discussion regarding the request.

ACTION TAKEN: Messmer moved to decline the grant application, Doherty seconded, motion carried (Hunt abstain)

- **Discussion and next steps regarding a 2nd call for 2026 Heritage Funding application**

Gores briefed the HAB Members on a 2nd call for 2026 Heritage Fund applications. She noted that the PAO is several months behind in reviewing legal action requests to they need a little additional time for the review. HAB Board Members held discussion.

ACTION TAKEN: Doherty moved to not have a 2nd call in 2026, Maybury seconded, motion carried

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GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Doherty commented on future opportunities regarding collaboration, county participation in the U.S. 250th, historical narratives, historical structures, Heritage Advisory Board and photographs (see attached).

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Judy Reandeau-Stipe, Sequim, commented on strategic meetings, grant writing

NEXT MEETING DATES: March 2, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Collaboration

- Meet with other historical/cultural groups to foster collaboration, protection of hist./cultural resources
- Seek suggestions for improved access to historical/cultural resources, etc.
- Encourage/promote tribal cultural programs (after consultation with tribal leaders)
- Urge more coordination between NOLS and other historical/cultural groups/agencies/tribes to house, inventory and promote historical resources.
- Promote more preservation and access
- Event calendar?

County participation in U.S. 250th

- Ex. HAB host Old Courthouse tours up to and on Anniversary
- Coordinate with CC school districts to develop local school curriculum ideas
- Sponsor speakers on both the U.S. and WA state Constitutions, Native American treaties, etc...

Historical Narratives

- Outreach to local history authors, organizations
- Interviews with local historical figures (Larry Sears). Larry Burtness, Burdicks, Terry and Carol Kahler, Judy Stipe ideas in East End. Bryon Monahan West End.

Historical Structures

- Support letter from BOCC to U.S. Senator Patty Murray (and the WA delegation) in support of Slip Point Lighthouse/ (HAB?)
- Urge *Olympic Peninsula Tourism Council* to support "Lighthouse Tourism" with web site that introduces the history and current use of Olympic Peninsula lighthouses.
- Weigh-in on the current and future use of the Lincoln School site, set aside by Pres. Lincoln.
 - Encourage Port Angeles acquisition?
 - Affordable housing?
 - Mix of retail and affordable housing?
 - Mixed uses, e.g. senior activities, arts center, publicly accessible conference rooms, etc.

Heritage Advisory Board

- Current structure
- Reorganization
- Officers
- Strategic planning session (s)
- Sub-committees

Photographs

- Initiate collection and digitize photos of local elected officials, facilities, programs, etc. (post 1970)
- Identify, locate, replicate historical image files (e.g. NOHC, NOLS)
- Start an update file (vol.II) of the "Jimmy Come Lately" (published in(e. early 1970's?))
- Reactivate field trips, etc. (e.g. West End, Central Clallam, East End)