

**Anacortes Historic Preservation Board Meeting minutes**  
**4 p.m., Wednesday, 13 June 2018**  
**Anacortes Museum Library**

Members present: Chair Bob Ross, Vice Chair Ken Hansen, Secretary Bunny Heiner, Gunnar Christiansen, and Mark Nihart; Museum Staff: Bret Lunsford and Elaine Walker; Guests: Vicki Stasch, Lewis Jones, and Peter Bolay

Chair Bob Ross called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. and the minutes of the 11 April were approved as presented.

Bret introduced Vicki Stasch, who will facilitate the Board retreat, scheduled for Monday, 15 October 2018, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Anacortes Maritime Heritage Center, 703 R Avenue. Vicki, who has a degree in history, has thirty-five years of experience, in California and Washington, as a management consultant and personal coach. She works with non-profit organizations and has experience with various city councils. She is currently a member of the Anacortes Housing Authority Facility Board, the Island Hospital Foundation Board, and the Fidalgo Dance Works Board. The goal of the retreat is to have the members of the Museum's four entities - the staff, the Historic Preservation Board, the Advisory Board, and the Foundation Board - meet and "come together" on three or four basic goals.

She then asked AHPB members to introduce themselves and state their interests in the work of the Board. The board members present, including Lewis Jones (he has been a member of the Museum Advisory Board for some twenty-five years), brought up a number of ideas and goals for the retreat, including discussion of the ordinance and mission statement which formed the AHPB, that we need a budget from the City to have the resources to meet our goals, continuing the liaison of the Museum staff with state officials and organizations, what our goals and responsibilities are, and the need to share resources with the other Museum entities. Bret said the retreat would be educational and that the Museum's four entities have never had a joint meeting. After the board discussion, Vicki said she would be preparing an agenda based on our comments. It is recommended that we all read our Mission Statement before the retreat.

Lewis Jones, who is a professional photographer, has volunteered to take photos of both the interior and exterior of the Anacortes Junk Company. Board members are invited to participate; the photography session will be on Tuesday, 19 June 2018, from 1-3 p.m.

Peter Bolay was then introduced. His home is in Omaha, Nebraska, and he has a boat moored at the Anacortes Marina. He is interested in the future of the Olson Building and said that Diane Foss, who is one of the building's tenants and is the owner of Classic Upholstery, has asked him to buy the building, which would need a variance from the City. He hopes to preserve the building, which needs repairs and said that the first step would be "shutting things down" to do those needed repairs. He is appalled by what is going on with this historic area and commented on the two small houses which are soon to be razed and said that the tenants have been "kicked out." If things work out, Bolay said he would like to live on the upper floor of the Olson Building. He said that one of the uses for the basement could be a wine and tapas bar.

Bret said that Dick Storwick, who been doing research on several structures, experienced "sticker shock" at Land Title in Burlington; we need to find another title company to do this work and try to negotiate a lower price. Land Title is charging \$75.00 per hour and the company's records go back only fifty years.

He then mentioned the Museum barbeque, to be hosted by Libby and John Walgamott on Tuesday, 10 July, starting at 6.p.m. Their address is 12692 Marine Drive here in Anacortes. Members of the three

Museum boards and the Museum staff are all invited; those attending are asked to bring any desired meat to barbeque, a side dish, and drinks of their choice.

The meeting adjourned just after 5 p.m. The next regularly scheduled AHPB meeting will be on Wednesday, 5 September 2018, at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia E. (Bunny) Heiner  
Secretary