

Anacortes Historic Preservation Board Meeting minutes
4 p.m., Wednesday, 14 November 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; No guests

Chair Bob Ross called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. and the minutes were approved as revised (to correct the spelling of Joe LeBlonde's last name). Mark Nihart made the motion, seconded by Ken Hansen.

Ken reported that he had talked to former board member, Dick Storwick, who had told Ken that he had checked with Guardian Northwest Title of Anacortes, which now charges \$350.00 for a title search, and that the records go back only five years.

No public comments were made (Item 2, agenda), so the board next discussed Item 3, the Museum's retreat on 15 October, focusing on the possibility of forming special committees and sharing information among the three boards. Bret Lunsford commented that there is "no way" the AHPB can fund storage facilities (which had been brought up at the retreat) and that he goes to "a lot of meetings." One goal is to bring the AHPB into better contact with the other two boards, perhaps by sharing minutes Vicki Stasch, who facilitated the retreat, will be having hip surgery so will not be able to meet with us until she recovers. Bret said the Foundation Board is losing three members: Jeff and Cecilia Welden, and James Taylor; he is planning to recommend replacement members.

AHPB goals, mission, and bylaws (Item 4, agenda) was next discussed, starting with the need to consider weatherizing the Museum's windows. Most of the discussion centered on "inside" storm windows.

Mark recommended we check with Ebey's Landing as well as Island Sash and Door, and manufacturers. A "little" funding could be available, according to Bret.

We discussed the need for a larger board membership, with some younger members; since they would have jobs, our meeting time of 4 p.m. would probably need to be changed. It was noted, however, that the 4 p.m. timing for the discussion of the Olson Building resulted in a good community turn-out.

Funding is available from the City's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, to re-do the Museum's "Historic Walking Tour" brochure. The current brochure features as Building No. 1 the recently demolished Anacortes Junk Co., but it would not be too expensive to up-date the layout. The possibility of including endangered structures, such as the Amos Building/McKee House, was discussed. If a new brochure is printed, a 10,000 run could be done at a reasonable price. Mark said we need an electronic version; Bret said we already have one. We need more coverage and awareness of the Tour app and the inter-linked Bill Mitchell murals information.

To enlarge our board membership, we could consider ad hoc committees and volunteers, including Anacortes High school students. To make the AHPB a larger presence in the community, we could also offer programs on researching on a theme, such as converted grocery stores or Little Croatia. Ken recommended we consider trying to preserve the stumps in the forest lands before they all rot away. Since the forest lands trails are much used by a wide

variety of people, this would call attention to our work. We need to preserve more than waterfront, Ken said, and remember that logging is an important part of the history of Anacortes. To accomplish these goals we need to form a committee, use local preservation ordinances, and spark an interest on social history. The final 2019 plan was to encourage house history project applicants.

At 5 p.m., Mark make a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken. The next regular AHPB meeting will be at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, 12 December 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia E. (Bunny) Heiner
Secretary