



CITY OF  
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

**Historic Preservation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 2, 2023  
2:00 – 4:00 PM  
Location: City Council Conference Room, 280 Madison Ave N  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110**

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## AGENDA

- 2:00 PM Call to Order / Attendance / Conflict Disclosure
- Introductions
  - Approval of Agenda for November 2, 2023
  - Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2023
  - Call for Public Comment
- 2:10 PM Certified Local Government Presentation (*Michelle Thompson, Michael Hauser, State of Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation*)
- 3:10 PM Committee Discussion
- 3:50 PM Summary of Action Items (*Chair*)
- 4:00 PM Adjourn

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Introductions  
Approval of Agenda for October 5, 2023  
Approval of Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2023  
Call for Public Comment  
Recognition of Service for Blaine Cliver  
Review of Permit Applications  
Committee Updates  
Old/New Business  
Summary of Action Items (*Facilitator*)  
Adjourn

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**Call to Order (Attendance, Agenda, Conflict of Interest)**

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

**Commissioners in Attendance:**

Blaine Cliver, Eric Kortum, Jon Mooallem, Rick Chandler, Susan Hughes

Absent or excused: Zachary Allen

**City Staff and Council Members in Attendance:**

Ellen Schroer, Deputy City Manager, Kelly Tayara, COBI Senior Planner and Daria Hansen, Public Records Analyst, Council Liaison Clarence Moriwaki

**Guests:**

Mike Reese and Chris Dew

Ellen brought up the contentious conversation that occurred at the last meeting and reminded people that respect is necessary and participation by all is highly valued. Moving forward, speakers will be recognized by the Chair prior to talking. Ellen emphasized the desire to support productive meetings.

Susan asked to have two items of Old Business added to the agenda: The Arcadia Publishing invitation for the HPC to update the historic Bainbridge Island book and the demolition of the old police station building.

**Review & Approve Agenda:**

**Motion:** I move to approve the October 5, 2023, agenda with these changes.

**Cliver/Chandler:** Approved unanimously

**Review & Approve Minutes:**

Michael Hauser's last name was misspelled and needs to be corrected.

**Motion:** I move to approve the September 7, 2023, meeting minutes with the spelling correction.

**Kortum/Chandler:** Approved unanimously

**Call for Public Comment:** No public comment

**Recognition of Service by Blaine Cliver:**

Blaine indicated that he will be resigning from the HPC after this meeting today. Ellen presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the City and Susan thanked Blaine for his knowledge and service to the commission.

**Review of Permit Applications:**

- **Removal of Reese Duplex/1632 NE Park View Drive from the Local Historic Register**

Kelly briefly introduced the request, her staff report, and explained the role of the HPC in determining whether the property no longer meets historic criteria. The online file was reviewed, and she suggested the commissioners hear directly from Mike Reese and his son, Chris.

Mike and Chris presented their reasons for their request; the expense of maintaining the property to historic specifications, current needed repairs and the difficulties in finding and affording workers, and Mike's concern that his family not be burdened with these issues in the future. They also expressed frustration with being expected to go through these expensive processes when Fort Ward has lost so much historical relevance, given all of the modern construction in the district.

Susan and other commissioners explained that if they agreed to remove his property from the Local Register, his property would still remain on the National Historic Register and be subject to the rules of a "contributing property". Discussion followed.

The commissioners expressed willingness to work with Mike and Chris and suggested they come to present their exterior repairs and materials with the HPC, to get approval. More affordable options are acceptable. Discussion followed about the time needed to get approval in emergency situations, Parks and Recreation's lack of maintenance of historical sites and the HPC's upcoming discussion with Michael Hauser regarding the Fort Ward District. Susan asked Mike to return to the December HPC meeting for a decision on his request.

**Motion:** I move we continue this discussion at the December meeting.

**Kortum/Chandler:** Approved unanimously

Kelly will amend the staff report to include additional photos of Mike's home and will update the information to present at the December meeting.

- **Point White Residence Demolition/3708 Point White Drive-follow up on application review from September meeting.**

This issue was carried over from the September meeting. Kelly presented the updated application. Discussion followed on whether HPC should contact Planning directly to clarify and emphasize the need for complete information. Ellen will speak with Planning staff on the matter.

**Motion:** The HPC has no comment on the application.

**Mooallem/Kortum:** Approved unanimously

#### **Committee Updates:**

- **Identifying Register-eligible Properties-**

Susan suggested putting more focus on the downtown Winslow core, in conjunction with the Winslow Subarea Plan, and creating a historic district, within which historic properties could be identified that are eligible for the Local Historic Register. Clarence briefly reviewed some of the properties already identified in this area from the “Cultural Resources Site Story of 2011” document he had emailed to the commissioners earlier. Discussion followed about the need for better communication between planners, builders and the HPC so historic properties can be identified early on. Susan brought up possible DAHP (Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation) grants that may be available to the City and will research this further. Discussion on this topic will be brought up again at the December meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Comprehensive Plan update-**discussion of September 27<sup>th</sup> community workshops.

Eric, Jon, and Susan shared their experiences and take-away’s from the community workshops they attended and discussed future goals for HPC involvement in the planning processes for the Comprehensive Plan and the Winslow Subarea Plan. Discussion followed on making the downtown core historical sites more interesting to tourists, fostering a greater appreciation and knowledge of Bainbridge Island’s history, and how to integrate a downtown historic district into the Winslow Subarea Plan.

- **Arcadia Publishing-**

The City notified the HPC that it would be more appropriate for the Historic Museum to handle updating the Bainbridge Island History book since the HPC is directly connected to the City. Rick will take the idea to the museum to see if they would be interested.

- **Old Police Station Building-**

The commissioners and Clarence shared various documents with determinations of register-eligibility for the building. Discussion followed. Ellen told the commissioners that the next step is to provide the HPC with a report for them to review and comment on and reassured them that subsequent steps in the process will be followed.

- **Minesweeper Building tour update and presentation-**

Eric presented four boards with photographs and information and summarized the history of the site and minesweepers in general, the variety of cultural groups who participated, the role female riveters played, the different ships, historical figures and the impacts made on Winslow.

- **Certified Local Government (CLG) presentation scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>-**

Michelle Thompson will be speaking at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> HPC meeting from 2 to 3 pm. Prior to the meeting, she and Michael Hauser will tour Suyematsu Farm, the Fort Ward district and possibly the minesweeper facility. Clarence volunteered to invite Council members to the presentation and Ellen will provide Susan with staff contact information, so they can be invited as well. Susan will invite staff from the Parks and Recreation Department. Discussion followed on logistics and planning details.

- **Report on meeting with Historic Everett-**

Not discussed as Zack was not present.

**New Business:** None

**Summary of Action Items:**

A list of action items for upcoming meetings was summarized by commission chair, Hughes.

**Adjourn:** Chair Huges adjourned the meeting at 4:01 p.m.