



King County

Historic Preservation and Historical Programs Advisory Task Force

October 23, 2009
9:30 am
King County Courthouse
Southwest Conference Room

Minutes

Members: Richard Anderson
Marilyn Brockman, Chair
Joe Follansbee
Vicki Stiles
Marie Strong
Heather Trescases
Robert Weaver
Susan White

Staff: Simon Farretta, Council Staff
Gennevie Cook, Council Staff

The following Task Force members were present: *Richard Anderson, Marilyn Brockman, Joe Follansbee, Vicki Stiles, Marie Strong, Heather Trescases, and Robert Weaver*

Excused: *Susan White*

I. Call to Order

Chair Brockman called the King County Historic Preservation and Historical Programs Advisory Task Force meeting to order at 1:02 pm in the Southwest Conference Room of the King County Courthouse.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Weaver moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 13, 2009 as written. Ms. Trescases and Ms. Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0 with Ms. White excused.

III. Big Picture Goal Setting

- a. Why are you here?
- b. What are your short and long term goals?
- c. What obstacles do we need to overcome?

The Task Force discussed the 'Big Picture Goal Setting' and came up with the following list which will be displayed at each meeting:

Goals

- *Define “historic preservation and historical programs purpose”*
- *Bring cohesive voice (as group) to Council*
- *Recommend and justify path for delivering funds*
- *Make a good and fair decision about funds*
- *Provide Council with some definition (to avoid “scattering” distribution)*
- *Promote historic preservation through increased funding*
- *Offer equity throughout county*
- *Bring history (of issue) to conversation*
- *Opportunity for heritage and historic preservation to increase funding*
- *Gather information to allow fair and justifiable disposition of funds*
- *Use funds to supplement, NOT supplant available dollars*
- *Create solutions that allow it to be supplemental*
- *Expose greater number of people to heritage and historic preservation*
- *Access to unbiased and full disclosure of information that we base decisions on*
- *Task Force members get past personal loyalties to bring collaborative and credible voice to Council*
- *Task Force members allowed to speak from that voice*
- *Equitable access to funds by qualified KC (members, org, county)*
- *Set goals for fund distribution*

Obstacles

- *Pay attention to bias that creeps into information*
- *Cooperation in gathering information*
- *Form and access to source information will influence ability to interpret*
- *Determining baseline dollars (not coming from funds)*
- *Ensuring money is distributed fairly*
- *Personal loyalties*
- *Need flexibility in end result for future generations*
- *Personal and committee time constraints*
- *Overall County budget picture – don’t allow worry to crimp creativity*

IV. What We Know

- a. FY2010 budget
 - i. County budget deficit
 - ii. Heritage and preservation expenditures information from the Office of Management & Budget
- b. Other information
 - i. Cultural funding spreadsheets from the Office of Strategic Planning and Performance Management
 - ii. Report on statewide implementation of HB1386 from the Washington Museum Association

Polly St. John, King County Council Staff, gave a presentation on the 2010 Executive Proposed Budget and answered questions of the Task Force.

Mr. Farretta and Amy Tsai, King County Council Staff briefed and answered questions of the Task Force on the FY2010 budget. The spreadsheets from OSPPM were not discussed. Mr. Follansbee spoke regarding the Washington Museum Association Report and answered questions of the Task Force.

V. Next Steps

- a. What else do we need to know for November 1 report
- b. What else do we need to know for March 1 report
 - i. Presentations

The Task Force discussed the 'Next Steps'.

Jim Kelly, 4Culture, answered questions of the Task Force.

Amy Tsai, King County Council Staff and Mr. Farretta answered questions of the Task Force and will come back to the next meeting with additional information from the Office of Management and Budget.

Chair Brockman informed the group that she would put together a couple of options based on today's conversation and provide it at the next meeting on Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

VI. Other Business

- a. Online testimony form

The Advisory Task Force discussed the following items and decided to postpone future discussion until the October 27th meeting:

- *Online testimony*
- *Packet distribution*

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gennevie Cook, Council Staff