

PRESS RELEASE

The Island County Board of Commissioners (BICC), the Town of Coupeville, and the Ebey's Reserve Trust Board are seeking applicants to serve on the new Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The BICC and the Town Council recently adopted ordinances to create a unified code and design guidelines for future development with Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. The new code and design guidelines take effect on January 1, 2012.

The HPC members are appointed by the BICC and Town Council to promote historic preservation, conduct design review, and issue recommendations or decisions on Certificates of Appropriateness within the Reserve. The HPC will replace the current Island County Historic Review Committee and Town of Coupeville Design Review Board.

The HPC consists of 9 members; with 4 members appointed by the BICC and 4 members appointed by the Town Council. The Town and County will jointly appoint 1 member. Three appointed members are based on recommendation of the Trust Board.

All members of the HPC should have a demonstrated interest, experience, or knowledge in history, historic preservation, architecture, design, landscape architecture, cultural landscapes, or related disciplines. All members must have a commitment to continuing education and training. The Town and County ordinances establish the following criteria for the HPC:

Two (2) members shall be agricultural representatives (farmer, retired farmer or farm owner, or with an interest, education, or background in agriculture) in the Reserve.

Two (2) members shall own a Contributing Resource within the Reserve.

One (1) member shall own and operate a commercial business within the Reserve.

At least two (2) members should be professionals who have experience in identifying, evaluating, and protecting Historic and Cultural Resources. These members should be selected from among the disciplines of history, public history, architecture, architectural history, historic preservation, planning, cultural landscapes, archaeology, cultural geography, American studies, or the practice of historic rehabilitation or restoration. One (1) of these professional representatives may live outside of Island County.

Ideally, the remaining members should reside in or own property within the Reserve.

Exceptions to qualifications and residency requirements for HPC members may be granted by the appointing authority in order to obtain representatives who reside in the Reserve or have the desired professional experience.

The initial appointments to the HPC shall be staggered and following initial appointment, membership on the HPC shall be limited to two (2) full consecutive three (3) year terms. Members may be removed without cause.

Members must be committed to participate in training opportunities provided to the HPC. Members serve without compensation.

Interested individuals should provide a letter of interest and a resume or curriculum vitae by mail, email, or FAX to the Island County Board of Commissioners, Attn: Pam Dill, Re: Ebey's Landing HPC, Post Office Box 5000, Coupeville, WA 98239.

Applicants should indicate whether they are seeking appointment as a representative of the Town or the County or as the jointly appointed representative. Island County will distribute all applications to the Town and the Trust Board.

The FAX number is (360) 679-7381 and email applications should be sent to pamd@co.island.wa.us

Application materials should be received no later than November 5, 2011. For additional information please phone (360) 679-7353 or e-mail Pam Dill at the above address.

*Angie Homola, Chair
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