



San Juan Island Historical Museum
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Element 9, Historic and Archaeological Preservation

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Limited Update per Scope of Work

- ▶ Activated the goals and policies;
- ▶ Aligned Policy (4)(a) with Land Division exemptions;
- ▶ Deleted unneeded policies (bldg. codes, permit timelines, and demolition permits);
- ▶ Adds a new Goal 6 and policies related to:
 - ▶ Permit application review and coordination with entities,
 - ▶ Providing early cultural resources review for applicants,
 - ▶ Requiring professional qualifications cultural resource reports and reporting standards

Policy 5: Appoint a Historic Review Board.

- ▶ This policy was not implemented, likely due to resources.
- ▶ Should it remain in the plan?



Orcas Historical Museum
Photo: San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau

Policy 5: Appoint a Historic Review Board not limited to representatives from each local historical society

- Conducts, monitors, and updates the historic resources inventory;
- Prepares a SJC Historic Landmarks document describing and mapping the resource inventory;
- Review proposed permits for demolition of historic resources and recommend alternatives, and coordinate relocation or other preservation efforts.

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- Provides technical assistance, workshops and educational programs to raise public awareness;
- Recommends designation of sites on Registers of Historic Places;
- Promotes relationships between historic preservation and economic development; and
- Pursues public and private funding to cover costs incurred by this element.

Policy 2: Work with local historical societies to prepare a historic preservation plan for this element

- Detailed description of the Co. historical background, Native American presence, local history, and identification of historical trends;
- Assessment of preservation needs and existing data, status of local preservation efforts, and a discussion of issues affecting local historic properties in the future;
- Specific goals & policies for preservation and implementation measures, incorporating the goals and policies of this element; and
- Implementation measures should focus on voluntary efforts and incentives.

Code Amendments for Consistency:

If proposed Policy 6(c) and (d) are adopted (a benefit to DCD permit processors that would ease permitting issues), SJCC 18.60.210 would need the following consistency amendments:

- ▶ F. When required, cultural resource reports must be prepared by a professional archaeologist who meets the *Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards* and State Law.
- ▶ G. Cultural resource reports must prepared in accordance with the *Washington State Standards for Cultural Resource Reporting*.

WA Dept. of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) 2016 Comments

Addressed in staff report-

- ▶ Other *Plan* Elements do address historic and cultural resources including the Land Use Element, and Shoreline Master Program
- ▶ The land division code (SJCC 18.70.010) exempts:

10. Any division of land solely for the purpose of transfer of a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places or Washington State Inventory of Historic Places, for the purpose of preservation or conservation of sites or landmarks of recognized archaeologic or historic value; however, any subsequent transfer of such property for a purpose other than archaeologic or historic preservation shall be in full compliance with the requirements of this chapter.

Questions?



Historic Driggs Park (Land Bank Office)
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