

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2012 6:00pm
Lacey City Hall- Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Loren Baker, Shirley Binkley, Roger Easton, Ken Dean, Matthew Connor, Rosalie Melnick, and Erik Solveson

Excused: Kimberley Bauman

Staff: Lori Flemm, Amber Raney

Public: Diane Dean, Lee Thompson

Historical Society: Lanny Weaver

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m., by Chairman Loren Baker.

AGENDA

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

MINUTES

The January 9, 2012 minutes were approved and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Lacey Historical Society: Lanny reported that Shirley Dzedzic, John Puckett, and Lanny toured the property to inspect for damaged trees after the wind and ice storms. They were pleased to see that the Damitio Tree—the cherry tree infected with CBT—was still alive. They are happy with the work the city is doing to keep it alive. They are planning to set up a meeting with Jason Simmonds regarding future efforts. Lanny also reported that the Society wished to express their admiration and appreciation for Diane Dean and the work she has done so far for the Thurston County Through the Decades event. In addition, Lanny reported that the Society is currently working on a new format for their newsletter.
- b) Others: Diane Dean reported that the Fort Eaton marker had been damaged by a large tree during the storm. The bench at the site had been moved, and some branches had been cut. She reported that she notified the county about the large oak tree on the site that can be seen in an 1856 photograph of the property.

CORRESPONDENCE

Lori reported that we received several emails from Megan Duvall (DAHP) regarding a Window Workshop, CAMP in Everett, and the Preservation Conference in Spokane from Oct. 31-Nov. 3. The CAMP will be held Saturday, April 21. A couple Commissioners expressed an interest in attending, but many would attend if one was held in Thurston County.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.: Work Session with City Council to present 2011 Achievements and 2012 Work Plan, Council Chambers. Commissioners are encouraged to attend as this is their opportunity to meet with the council. Loren will present the information to the council members.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) \$5,000 grant awarded for Himes Diary Digitization and Transcription Phase 2 (tentative schedule): Amber reported that she had visited with Evan Schneider and Geoff Wexler at the Oregon Historical Society on Wednesday, February 1. Evan is ready to get started with digitizing the next part of the collection as soon as agreements are signed. They spent time reviewing the finding aid and looking through the dairies in order to determine the best use of his time. Amber will report further as the project progresses.
- b) CAMP in Everett: See correspondence for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Report on Lacey Museum at the Depot RFQ submittals and schedule: Amber reported that she received 15 submittals from interested firms. The panel will meet on Wednesday, February 8 to narrow the list to five who will be invited to the interview process. Interviews will be held on Wednesday, February 29 from 8:30-4:00 in Council Chambers.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Depot: No report
- b) Depot Art: No report
- c) 2012 Depot Fundraiser Performance: No report
- d) Thurston County through the Decades: See attachment from Diane Dean. In addition, Lori mentioned that she has a portable Victrola and records that she is willing to let the group borrow for the event. Lori also reported that we would request the Variable Message Boards (VMBs) to help publicize the event.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

Curator's Report:

1. Amber reported that has been working on preparing an exhibit that she will install at the Lacey Library in March. The theme will be Thurston County Through the Decades, and will be perfectly timed to help publicize the event in May.
2. Leah Stecher is temporarily joining the Museum staff as an intern from Saint Martin's University. Amber reported that Leah began working closely with Lanny Weaver to begin work on what will become a walking tour of Lacey. Leah toured the Washington State Archives and has been inundated with as much local history as the city has to offer. She will contribute an average of 9 hrs. /week, graduating on May 12.
3. On February 1, Amber met with Evan Schneider and Geoff Wexler from the Oregon Historical Society to discuss the next phase of the grant project. The meeting was very productive. Amber presented copies of the transcribed diaries to both, and Geoff expressed an interest in publishing the materials. He is also working on a contest to garner excitement for the project by having citizens keep a daily diary for a month. The decision was made to continue on chronologically with the diaries, picking up additional materials that were recorded by both George and Judson Himes during the same time period that the main diary covers. Once Evan has reached the end of that diary, he will stop and we will re-evaluate how much money is left (and how much time), and proceed from there.
4. SOQs were due by Friday, February 3 at 5:00 p.m. Fifteen firms submitted packets for the panel to review. Listed alphabetically they are:
 - Arai Jackson Ellison Murakami
 - BCRA
 - BLRB Architects
 - BOE Architects

- BOLA Architecture and Planning
- Jones and Jones Architects, Landscape Architects, Planners
- Lewis Architecture + Interior Design
- Merritt Architects
- MSGS Architects
- Peter Meijer Architects
- PSI Engineering, Consulting, Testing
- Rohleder Borges Architecture
- Rolluda Architects
- Schacht | Aslani Architects
- Tovani Hart

5. The panel will meet on Wednesday, February 8 at 3:00 to select the top five firms. Interviews will be held on Wednesday, February 29 at city hall.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Matthew reported that he will be giving a presentation on Lacey's history the second week in April at Panorama. He was contacted by Veronica Kessler.

Roger reported that Thurston County Historical Commission will be participating in Thurston County Through the Decades in the government tent. Carol Hannum will be creating a mural for the event, and the Washington State Archives will be bringing a copy of the blueprint for the original capitol building.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a.) Depot sign installed: Lori reported that the sign was installed on January 10.
- b.) Jacob Smith House Presentation to Lacey Rotary Club, January 26: Lori reported that she gave a presentation for Lacey Rotary on the history of the Jacob Smith House as a result of a community service project that Rotary was sponsoring on Smith Lake.
- c.) Lori also reported that staff records and reports volunteer hours for the City of Lacey, and that the Historical Commissioners are considered volunteers while attending meetings. We have been recording Commissioner volunteer hours when they work at the Museum, clean out the McKinney building, etc. Beginning January 1, all hours spent at meetings are to be recorded. The City pays for L&I insurance on all volunteers, and this is part of the record-keeping process.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 5, 2012, 6 p.m. at Lacey City Hall