

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2012 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall- Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Ken Dean, Matthew Connor, Roger Easton, Shirley Binkley, Rosalie Raps Melnick, Kimberley Bauman, and Erik Solveson

Staff: Lori Flemm, Amber Raney

Public: Diane Dean

Historical Society: Susan Hartman

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Erik Solveson, Interim Chair.

- a. Appoint interim chair of meeting: Shirley moved that Erik be appointed interim chair

Motion: Appoint Erik Solveson Interim Chair.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

AGENDA

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

MINUTES

The May 7, 2012 minutes were approved and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Lacey Historical Society: No report.
- b) Others: None

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a) June 7 City Council Work Session, 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.: Lori distributed the agenda for the work session with the clarification that the Lacey Museum at the Depot will be on the schedule at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. as earlier reported. She encouraged all of the commissioners to attend.
- b) June 14 City Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.: Lori did not have an agenda for this meeting available, but noted that it will be on the website soon, and will be emailed to Commissioners when available. June is Lacey History Month Proclamation, Thurston County Through the Decades Power Point presentation and Lacey Historian of the Year will all be on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) \$5,000 grant awarded for Himes Diary Digitization and Transcription Phase 2 (Progress Update): Amber had no progress report at this time. Roger reported that he had worked 14 ¼ hours on transcription, and was up to May 1868.

- b) Himes/Fleetwood Historical Marker (Progress Update): Amber reported that the Hanna Family (Fleetwood) was shown the marker. She also showed it to the commissioners. The family was very pleased. The next step will be to choose a firm to create the permanent marker and determine where to install it at Woodland Creek Community Park.
- c) Jacob Smith House Plan Review: Lori asked for comments on the design from the commissioners. She reported that in the fall a civil engineering consultant will take the plans prepared by students from Saint Martin's University and generate a cost estimate, permit applications and construction documents. The current estimate only covers the cost of materials in some places. She confirmed that the structures on the site are lower priority to the parking lot, porch, trellis, gate, and storm water concerns. Roger expressed a desire to re-visit the plans.
- d) General and Youth Commissioner Recruitment: No applications have been received at this time. The Deputy City Clerk will check with any that applied for the Library Board to ask if interested in the Historical Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Lacey Museum at the Depot preliminary site and floor plans: Amber reported that Jim Merritt will have everything available for review at the June 7, 2012 City Council work session.
- b) Museum Master Plan Outline: Lori reminded the commissioners that several years ago, Victoria Blackwell (Harbor History Museum) shared their master plan. Since that time, creating a master plan for our new museum has been on the to-do list. The current plan is insufficient as it dates back to 1983 and has never been updated. Lori presented copies to the commissioners of the current plan and several portions that she recently added. She asked for review and revisions/additions from the commissioners. Lori also passed around the plan for the Harbor History Museum and the museum in Renton. She will add this item to the July agenda for discussion, with the end goal to have it completed and adopted by the Lacey City Council before the end of the year or before we apply for our first grant for the depot museum project.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Depot: No report.
- b) Depot Art: Ken reported that he and Diane had recently been to Toppenish, Washington, and were amazed by their mural project. He and Diane noted that it made for interesting discussion, and clarified what murals could do for a community. They noted that it was like walking through the history of the town.
- c) 2012 Depot Fundraiser Performance: Previously the decision was made to discuss releasing the date if no performer had been identified by June. After much discussion, the commissioners decided to plan for future opportunities when the project is further along. Rosalie moved that we release the date.

Motion: Release the date for a fundraiser at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

- d) Thurston County through the Decades: Diane passed around some photos of the event, and all of the commissioners congratulated and thanked her for a job well done! The consensus was that it was an incredibly successful event.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

Curator's Report:

1. The Thurston County Through the Decades on May 12 was an overwhelming success! Thanks to all the commissioners who helped, and a special thanks to Diane Dean for organizing and coordinating the entire event. She truly went above and beyond!
2. Amber reported that she met with Gene Grulich of BLRB Architects on May 8 and discussed what can/should be done to save the remaining timber from the Chambers Prairie Log Cabin. She is working on a staff report and will present any decisions to the commissioners at the August meeting.
3. On Wednesday, May 23, Amber met with and interviewed Paul Fluetsch. Paul has lived his entire life in the area and grew up where Sunset Air is today. This was the first of many interviews that will be conducted over the summer.
4. Amber also reported that she completed the first draft of the Himes and Fleetwood Homestead Site marker. She presented it to the family on Sunday, June 3. They were very pleased. Dorothy Hanna donated additional materials to the collection, including letters, postcards, and items from the Fleetwood family home, most of which pre-date 1900.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Rosalie asked if the general feeling among city staff was positive in relation to the new museum project. Amber and Lori both reported that they were experiencing nothing but positive comments from everyone at the city.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No report.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 2, 2012, 6 p.m. at Lacey City Hall