

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2012 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall- Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Shirley Binkley, Rosalie Raps Melnick, and Ariana Rivera.

Staff: Lori Flemm, Amber Raney

Public: None

Historical Society: Michael O'Keefe and Amy Turner

No quorum present at this meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Ariana Rivera.

Appoint interim chair of meeting: Rosalie moved that Ariana Rivera act as Interim Chair.

Motion: Appoint Ariana Rivera Interim Chair of the meeting tonight.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

AGENDA

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

MINUTES

The September 10, 2012 minutes were approved and placed on record, pending a review by a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amber announced that she was looking for volunteers to help staff the Thurston County Through the Decades tent on Sunday, October 7, 2012 from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Ariana offered to help out for the majority of the day. Amber thanked her for volunteering her time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Lacey Historical Society: Michael reported that the Lacey Historical Society Annual Meeting on September 25 was very successful. He thanked Amber and Lanny for their presentation, and reminded the commission that the Lacey Historical Society is fully supportive of the Depot Project, and that the updated dinner format reflects that support. Last year the subject was dinner on the train; this meeting highlighted the racetrack and picnics at the park. Next year's theme will be the resorts on the lakes.

Amy reported that there were 54 people present at this year's dinner and that eight students from Timberline High School helped serve the meal. The students were a great help and support to the event, and one even joined the society.

Rosalie commented that it was a wonderful evening, and she very much enjoyed sitting with and getting to know Amy.

- b) Others: No citizens present.

CORRESPONDENCE

Matthew Connor's letter of resignation was emailed to the commissioners, who all reported that they read it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No additions to the calendar.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Himes Diary Digitization and Transcription Phase 2 (Progress Update): Amber reported that Kristina and Ariana are continuing to help with the transcription. Ariana reported that she had finished the month of March, with only a few unrecognizable words/names. She planned to return to it and try to figure a few of them out, but asked if others would proof her work. Kristina was absent, but Amber reported that she had finished the month of February and was in the process of having her husband proofread it.
- b) General Commissioner Recruitment: Ariana reported that she had asked her history teacher. Amber will take applications to the event on Sunday in Tumwater.
- c) Draft Museum Master Plan Discussion, Sections 1, 2, 3:
 - Section 1—page numbers added, introduction, history (importance of the project), railroad track history since 2005 (may need more history)
 - Section 2—service area, boundary, population, description of area, local cultural features, buildings. Discussion on this section included the addition of the Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery, Lacey Timberland Library, North Thurston High School Performing Arts Center, Saint Martin's University, KGY to the cultural aspect of the report. In addition, commissioners discussed the need to add more unique local history on businesses, the lavender farm, mushroom farm, and potentially the parks.
 - Section 3—existing museum and outgrown space, options for alternative sites. Options discussed, with some question as to the history of this portion of the plan. The commissioners and those present from the Lacey Historical Society discussed the need to revisit these with the full commission.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Depot: No report.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

Curator's Report:

1. Amber reported that the majority of the month of September (since the last meeting) involved preparing for the Lacey Historical Society Annual Meeting on Tuesday, September 25. The event was a wonderful success, and for those unable to attend, Amber and Lanny brought back Eveline and Irene Kenney for a brief history of the race track in Lacey.
2. On Wednesday, September 26, Amber attended a flag celebration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812. The ceremony held at the Regional Athletic Complex celebrated our National Anthem and highlighted the lesser-known history of our flag. The flag and accompanying bicentennial coin were donated to the Lacey Museum and will be

preserved for generations. A promise was made for a display. Amber reported that she is working on a temporary exhibit.

3. Thurston County Through the Decades will be held on Sunday, October 7 at Tumwater Historical Park. Amber reported that she is currently working on an exhibit that will fit the theme. The group is revisiting 1850-1875. Therefore, the museum's display will highlight information gleaned from the pages of George Himes' diaries. Not only is the timing right, but it gives the museum, commission, and society another chance to publicly recognize the work that Roger did on the project.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

No report.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Ariana reported that she is working on the educational outreach Power Point presentation, and asked for some assistance in getting a copy of Matthew's presentation from Amber. She plans to begin contacting schools at the beginning of 2013 to schedule visits.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a) Jacob Smith House RFQ: Lori reported that the decision would be made tomorrow (October 2) regarding whether or not to go ahead with the RFQ, based on projected revenue and current income.
- b) 2013 Budget: Lori reported that she will be meeting with City Manager, Scott Spence, on Wednesday of this week and presenting the budget for Parks and Recreation. The city is currently experiencing a \$1 million deficit. The City Council directed Scott and Troy to make cuts to the pavement overlay program for a year rather than cut programs or staff.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

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