

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Lacey City Hall- Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Rosalie Raps Melnick, Ken Dean, Kimberley Bauman, Shirley Binkley, Kristina Trebil, Stefanie Deyette, and Ariana Rivera.

Staff: Lori Flemm.

Public: Diane Dean

Historical Society: Shirley Dziedzic and Zelma Bernd

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Rosalie Raps Melnick.

AGENDA

One item, 9a, the Jacob Smith House was deleted from the agenda.

MINUTES

The March 4, 2013 minutes were approved as revised and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City received an application for the vacant Historical Commissioner position from Amber Raney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Lacey Historical Society

The Historical Society Annual Meeting will be Tuesday, September 24 at 5:30pm at the Lacey Community Center. The theme this year will be 'Lacey Resorts'. The spring newsletter will be mailed out the end of April. There is a photo of an old resort water slide at the Safeway on Pacific & Carpenter Roads, and at Lacey City Hall. No Lacey School reunion because we are focusing on stories for the 50th.

b) Others: No other comments at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Letter from Nancy Zabel, teacher at Seven Oaks Elementary School thanking Ariana for the excellent presentation to her students.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Shirley reported the time of the Society's annual meeting was incorrect on the calendar of events.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Use of current Museum:

The Commissioners and Society Members present discussed and recommend using the Lacey Street Museum as a research center upon opening the new Depot Museum, with the name "Historical Research Center & Garden". Rosalie

suggested leaving genealogy out of the name because with no family here to research, would not go.

The commissioners discussed what could be included in the research center: Copies only, no originals; Photos of how first City Hall looked; Digital displays of memorial plantings, Genealogical classes. Family and personal histories are currently in the old Museum, and copies should remain there. It could also serve as a small space for community meeting.

The Commissioners felt that more attention should be given to the garden, and that it would attract more people. Shirley said it is important to make sure the garden stays open to the public despite the research center being open by appointment only. There was considerable discussion about the memorial plantings and how to refer to them. Gardens have a lot of meaning to many people; we should make it more of a focus. Ideas included: Book that could be sold in the Museum, enlarged photos from the scrapbook, framed and hung on the walls, with stories.

Vision is that the Historical Research Center could be (the main drawing card a meeting location for Historic walking tour in the historic heart of Lacey.

Kristina suggested a 'kiosk' with internet/digitized still photos and recorded history on a computer at the Depot Museum, so that visitors could obtain information without an appointment to the Lacey Street Historical Research Center. Stefanie said that ORC is a type of software that reads documents. Also, could include a revolving photo board in Depot to show the gardens in season that would draw people to walk and visit.

Depot fundraising was discussed and how to recognize donors. Rosalie said one of the options for fundraising could be a recognition/room naming. Major donors should be recognized. Diane suggested plaques for major collection donors (like the Fleetwoods, Himes & Ruddell families). Fleetwoods are so interwoven in the community, one exhibit could be named for them.

- b) Interim staffing plan: Thanks to the dedicated volunteers (Stefanie, Lanny, Diane, Ken, Shirley, Sue Goff, and Amber we will keep the Museum open. Lori will send out a calendar, suggesting that we work in pairs as much as possible.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Deed to Lacey Museum: A copy of the deed was included in the meeting packet. If the museum is used as a research room, it will comply with the terms of the deed.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Depot: on Hold

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

Lori thanked the Commissioners, Society officers and volunteers who have staffed the museum since Amber left. We have had 65 visitors to the Museum in the past month. Stefanie is working on the Fleetwood Collection and her dad helped identify tools in the Fleetwood Collection.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Ariana reported that she has made 3 presentations to 90 - 100 students, 90 kids, and has 3 more presentations scheduled.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lori thanked Diane and Ken Dean and Kristina Trebil for volunteering to staff the booth on Saturday May 4 at the Amtrak Station's 20th Anniversary. The booth will have Depot fliers (the one at the museum), the photo showing location, and the model made by the Saint Martin's Students.

Lori invited the Commissioners to attend the Lake Lois Habitat SMU Student Presentation and will send out date and location.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall