

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Lacey City Hall- Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Rosalie Raps Melnick, Ken Dean, Amber Raney, Shirley Binkley, Kristina Trebil, Stefanie Deyette.

Excused: Kimberly Bauman and Ariana Rivera

Staff: Lori Flemm

Public: Diane Dean, Mari Fleetwood

Historical Society: Shirley Dziedzic

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Rosalie Raps Melnick.

AGENDA

Revised agenda emailed earlier in the week.

MINUTES

The April 1, 2013 minutes were approved and placed on record. Amber Raney abstained from voting as she did not attend the April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amber Raney was appointed to the Commission at the April 25, 2013 City Council meeting. The Commissioners welcomed Amber to the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

a) Lacey Historical Society

Shirley Dziedzic shared the importance of the Remembrance Place at the museum grounds and the reason for her letter suggesting revisions to the Museum Master Plan. Shirley approves of the subsequent revisions that include more specific language/description of the historic features/planting of the garden.

b) Others: No other comments at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Letter from Shirley Dziedzic and the Lacey Historical Society, asking for expanded language in the Museum Master Plan, to include specific reference to the historical importance of the 125 plantings and garden features of "The Remembrance Place" on the grounds of the current Lacey Museum.

b) Message from Jon Cox thanking us for attending the 20th Anniversary of the Amtrak Centennial Station Celebration Event with our Depot display.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

a) Thursday, June 13, 7pm, City Council meeting: June is Lacey History Month Proclamation, and Lacey Historian of the Year Award.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Lake Lois Habitat Reserve SMCE Project Presentation:

Ben Norton and Ben Price, Senior Civil Engineering students from St. Martin's University presented their team project of Lake Lois Habitat Reserve, focusing on the McKinney House restoration and repair. The students have done a very thorough set of plans and a report providing tremendous value to the City. The Historic Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the students for the positive attitude and enthusiasm toward our historic building, and the excellent, thorough work they did on the project.

- b) Museum Master Plan: The Plan revisions were approved with one correction to Section 3. Mari Fleetwood also agreed with the revised language.
- c) Museum Curator recruitment/schedule/interview panel:

Motion: For Amber Raney to be part of the interview panel for the Museum Curator position.

Discussion: Kristina felt Amber should not be a part of the interview panel, since she was recently the Museum Curator, saying this would not have been allowed by her previous employer. Rosalie agreed with the motion. Amber said she might agree if she had been fired or let go, but she left for another job and on good terms with the City, so her insight to the position might be helpful to get the right person and insure a good fit. Amber added that the previous Curator came back to help after Amber was hired for the position, so it is not unheard of to have a former Curator help the current Curator.

The motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Jacob Smith House Site Improvements Plan review and Certificate of Appropriateness:
Commissioners like the design of the Jacob Smith House Site Improvements and feel it meets the need in Lacey. A suggestion was made that the Commissioners would like to see the Indian Trail and History of the JSH site included as an interpretive sign somewhere on the site.
- c) Recruitment of Youth Commissioner: Staff was encouraged to contact AP History teachers directly.
- d) WA State Historic Preservation statewide plan- Stakeholder Survey: If you have not taken the survey yet, please show our support for the Statewide Historic Preservation Plan. Diane and Ken are interviewing two of the Lacey City Council Members the week of May 13.
- e) Draft plaque language for Jensen & Homann historic properties:
Amber will work on language for the Jensen and Homann property plaques. Amber did not have an opportunity to call Dan Stuckey back, we need to contact him about the Bowker House.
There is an historical sign on a stand in the Albertson's parking lot- is it a historical marker and is it owned by the Leasing Agency? Lori will contact the Company and/or Community Development.
- f) Lacey Historian of the Year nominations: One nomination was received.
Motion: To accept the nomination of Sue Goff for 2013 Lacey Historian of the Year.
The motion was seconded and passed.

- g) Lacey Parks & Recreation Department reorganization potential:
Lori said the Parks & Recreation Department has the potential to reorganize for greater efficiency and use of staff resources given two vacant positions. The Commission expressed concern with losing any of the curator's time currently devoted to the museum and future depot museum. The curator's city hall office space will be moved into the parks and recreation department area.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Depot:

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

Stefanie Deyette presented the Lacey Museum Volunteer Report (11A attached to minutes and entered into the record) and noted Comments from Lanny Weaver, with a need for visitors to have access to a personal computer to view photographs.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Amber took the opportunity to describe the state archives and the pool of volunteer resources.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lori had no report but asked Mari Fleetwood if she had any comments. Mari said she had received the Minutes from Historical Commission meetings of April & May, 2012 re: Changing the name of Long's Pond to Fleetwood Pond or to Fleetwood Lake. Mari read a prepared statement, which is attached to these minutes (14A) and entered into the record, asking, "My question to you is what would be the value of a contribution that would be consider(ed) enough to make the name change?". Lori reported that last year when the matter was discussed at the Commission meetings that she had spoken with Jim Sheler, the former Parks and Recreation Director who acquired the Long Property, how the pond came to be named. Jim indicated that the Long Family had asked during negotiations that the pond be named for their family and the city agreed. Since the city made the commitment to the family, it would be inappropriate to change the name if offered a contribution for naming rights. The city values and appreciates the artifacts and photographs donated by the Fleetwood Family and the fact that the Commission recommended against changing the name last year does not diminish the value of the Fleetwood collection to our citizens. Lori indicated she would contact Jim again for background and report to the next Commission meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

NEXT MEETING

Monday, June 3, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall