

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2013 6:00 p.m.

Lacey City Hall- Council Chambers

## **PRESENT**

Commission: Rosalie Raps Melnick, Ken Dean, Shirley Binkley, Stefanie Deyette, Amber Raney, and Ariana Rivera.

Excused: Kimberley Bauman, Kristina Trebil

Staff: Lori Flemm

Public: Diane Dean and Mari Fleetwood

Historical Society: Shirley Dziedzic, Nora Brown, and Susan Hartman

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Rosalie Raps Melnick.

## **AGENDA**

One item, 9a Jacob Smith House was deleted from the agenda. One item, Historian of the month speech was added to the agenda as item 9f.

## **MINUTES**

The May 6, 2013 minutes were approved as revised and placed on record. Lori announced that we would soon be tape recording the minutes to assist with preparation of the minutes.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lori announced that Ariana was awarded a scholarship. In her acceptance speech, she mentioned her term on the Historical Commission and how the elementary students react to her Lacey history presentation and are developing a love of our history.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a) Lacey Historical Society: Shirley reported that the Society doesn't hold monthly meetings in the summer months, but the annual meeting committee continues to meet. Shirley invited everyone to the annual meeting; the theme is resorts on four of our lakes.
- b) Others: No comment at this time.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Daniel Stuckey owner of the Bowker House, requesting his home be removed from the Lacey Historical Registry. Amber will meet with Mr. Stuckey to see if they can reach a compromise that will keep the Bowker House on the Register.

**Motion: Amber contact Bowker House owner Daniel Stuckey to see if he would like to keep the home on the Register if his choice of roofing material is acceptable.**

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Amber will make contact with Mr. Stuckey and Lori will talk to Kimberley about recording on the title.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- a) Thursday, June 6, 7pm, City Council work session: Lacey Museum at the Depot.
- b) Thursday, June 13, 7pm, City Council meeting: June is Lacey History Month Proclamation & Lacey Historian of the Year. Rosalie Raps Melnick will accept the proclamation and present the Historian of the Year award to Susan Goff.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Museum Curator recruitment process, schedule, and interview panel was reviewed. Amber will meet with Lori to review interview questions since she is not able to serve on the panel.
- b) Depot consulting contract & draft June 6 work session presentation. Staff is recommending to council that the groundbreaking be held on December 5, 2016, with construction starting shortly afterwards. Everyone felt this would allow more time to raise funds, and that it was preferable to have the funds in hand before the start of construction.
- c) Lacey Parks & Recreation Department re-organization.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) (Removed)
- b) Long's Pond naming/Fleetwood's Lake  
Fleetwood Lake is the historical name of what is now known as Long's Pond. Shirley Dzedzic suggested a historical kiosk/sign with dates and an explanation of the Fleetwood's historical contribution to the community ('visit the Lacey Museum for more information'). Amber has a sign template on the Himes & Fleetwoods, that was approved by the Fleetwood Family in the summer of 2012 and \$2000 dedicated for a marker. Windsor Fireform has fabricated the signs for us in the past, but we will get a quote from Formations. The signs are durable, not in color, but black, white & brown are used in different saturations.

**Motion: To review the proposed sign under Old Business at the June meeting, with the possibility of one sign incorporating the history of the lake and names.**

The Motion was seconded and approved.

- c) WA State Historic Preservation statewide plan- Stakeholder Survey: Lacey City Councilmember responses  
Ken & Diane Dean interviewed Councilmembers Jeff Gadman and Ron Lawson, forwarded their responses to the consultant, and gave hard copies to Lori.
- d) Draft plaque language  
Language for the Jensen & Homann historic properties was revised.
- e) Monthly meeting date change: All of the Historical Commissioners except for Kimberley Baumann are available to meet on the third Wednesday of the month. Lori will check with Kimberley tomorrow and notify commissioners.
- f) Historian of the Month Speech: The input from Susan Goff was merged with the speech written by Lori and Rosalie and reviewed by those present. Shirley suggested adding that this is the first time that a Mother and Daughter (Andrea Taylor, 2005) have both been recognized as Historian of the Year.

## **STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT**

- a) Lori thanked the dedicated volunteers who have been keeping the museum open. The volunteers have enjoyed meeting people and sharing Lacey history with them. Stefanie reported that Richard Jones, who served as a member of the first Lacey City Council in 1966 has recently started volunteering on Thursdays. Stefanie is training him on cataloging collections and Richard is working on the Ken Balsley collection. If volunteers do not have visitors, they can work on scanning and indexing newspaper articles. Amber said she would stop in, share the password location, and give instructions.
- b) June & July monthly schedules  
Commissioners volunteered for shifts at the Museum June & July. Lori thanked all of those who have volunteered to keep the museum open.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

No report.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

No applications have been received yet for the youth commissioner position. A career counselor at NTHS contacted Lori on Friday and said a few students would be submitting applications. Ariana emphasized that she would like to see the youth commissioner continue to make the school presentations because she feels that as an enthusiastic, young person the students relate well to her, and that once the depot opens we should continue to send the youth commissioner out to the classrooms. Ability to interact with kids and older people is a trait to look for when interviewing youth commissioner applicants.

Lori spoke with Sally Reiter, past President of the Lacey Women's Club about the proposed use of the museum once the Depot Museum is constructed and open. Sally said that the Lacey Women's Club approves of the use as a Historical Research Center. Her biggest concern is that people not speed up and down the driveway. Sally said the clubhouse has some photos and artifacts that we may want to display in the depot museum.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, July 1, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall. Beginning in September, meetings will move to the third Wednesday of the month.