

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2013 6:00 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall- Council Chambers

## PRESENT

Commission: Ken Dean, Kimberley Bauman, Shirley Binkley, Amber Raney, and Ariana Rivera.

Excused: Rosalie Raps Melnick, Kristina Trebil, Stefanie Deyette, Jason Agatarap and Gary Hanson

Staff: Lori Flemm

Public: Mari Fleetwood, Diane Dean

Historical Society: Shirley Dziedzic and Nora Brown

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Ken Dean

## AGENDA

No additions or deletions to the agenda.

## MINUTES

The June 3, 2013 minutes were approved as revised and placed on record.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lori announced that meeting minutes will be recorded from now on.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

### a) Lacey Historical Society:

Shirley Dziedzic said the LHS summer newsletter will be mailed the end of July and will include information on the 8/5 Museum Open House and new Museum Curator. Susan Hartman has assumed the technical production of the newsletter.

### b) Others:

Mari Fleetwood thanked Lori and the Commission for the extensive research on the Long/Fleetwood pond at Woodland Creek Community Park and provided a report on her research regarding the process for naming an 'unnamed feature'. Historical Society members will be submitting letters with their memories of the area, to corroborate the historical history and significance of the pond. After much discussion, Commissioners agreed an Ad Hoc Committee might be helpful:

### **Motion: To form an Ad Hoc Committee to research the history of the Fleetwood/Long's Pond.**

The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Amber will head the committee with support of Kimberley, Mari Fleetwood, Nora Brown and archive volunteers.

Lori said it may be a challenge to change the name since the pond has been known as Long's Pond for the last 20 years. Amber agreed, but said the Commission should not be afraid to do the research and submit the application requesting the name change.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Lori has exchanged voice messages with a representative of the Weatherwood Homeowners Association, who has asked that 3 neighborhood streets have historical street signs installed. A neighboring property owner is donating property to the HOA and they would like to acknowledge the donation with the historical street signs. The

HOA representative will give us a map showing the historical names. Commissioners agreed they would like to preserve the Historical Street Sign program. Lori said the cost of the sign(s)/installation, typically about \$170 per sign, are paid by the person requesting the sign(s), as City funds are not available for the program.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- a) Monthly meeting date change to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday beginning in September
- b) Museum open house on Monday, August 5, 4-6pm
- c) August 1, 2 & 3 Volunteer Museum schedule

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Museum Curator recruitment  
115 applications were submitted, 30 were reviewed by LPRD staff and 9 interviews are scheduled for the assessment center on July 15.
- b) Depot consulting contract  
Consultant Jim Merritt recommends proceeding with the entire exhibit planning for the Lacey Museum. Showing all exhibits in the floor plan/model will help with fundraising and grant writing purposes. City Manager Scott Spence suggested the contract be signed once the new Museum Curator is in place.
- c) Depot Capital Campaign Consultant RFQ  
Staff is drafting and will review the Depot Capital Campaign Consultant Request for Qualifications (RFQ) tomorrow.
- d) Youth Commissioner recruitment  
There were no applications submitted for the Youth Commissioner position on the LHC, but 2 submitted for the Park Board Youth Commissioner. North Thurston High School student Megan Wilson has agreed to be the Youth Commissioner for the LHC and is very excited about the opportunity. She will be appointed at the July 11, 2013 City Council meeting.
- e) Review Fleetwood and Himes Family Interpretive Sign  
Defer to the August meeting. Amber will email Lori information to be included in the August meeting packet.
- f) Historic Property Plaque – Jensen House

#### **Motion: to vote on the Jensen House plaque text.**

Motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Commissioners voted on text for the Jensen House plaque: 4 for the proposed revised text , 1 abstain, 0 for previously approved text.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Jacob Smith House Site Improvement Plan Review & Certificate of Appropriateness  
Lori distributed plans for the Jacob Smith House renovations and asked Commissioners to review them for discussion at the next meeting, explaining the cost estimate came in at \$561,000, over double the budgeted amount of \$204,000. Lori asked for suggestions for revisions/cuts to lower the cost estimate, while maintaining the scope and integrity of the project.
- b) Lacey Register of Historic Properties: Bowker House and Roofing for Historic Building Research  
Amber met with Dan Stuckey, owner of the Bowker House. Mr. Stuckey voiced his frustration with his experience with past Historical Commissions and their seeming “indifference and arrogance” regarding requests to restore/renovate his

historical home. He has spent a lot of money and jumped through a lot of hoops to keep the house historically accurate. Amber confirmed that Mr. Stuckey has gone above and beyond to keep his home historical, including replacement windows with wooden frames and specially milled siding. Shirley commented that there are so few buildings on the Lacey Historical Register, the LHC needs to be more accommodating to preserve homes and encourage people to put their homes on the Register. Kimberly said the Mr. Stuckey's struggles are an example of why people are typically hesitant to put their historical home on any register. Diane suggested the current Commission draft a letter of good faith, thanking Mr. Stuckey for his continued efforts to preserve his home and offer an apology for his experience with past Commissions. Lori will draft a letter for Commissioner's review. Amber will contact Mr. Stuckey for a site visit after the Museum Open House and LHC meeting on August 5.

- c) Museum open house on Monday, August 5, 4-6pm
- d) Volunteer newspaper clippings & scanning at the Museum. Amber will train volunteers
- e) Revise Rules of Procedure  
Lori asked Commissioners to consider revising the LHC Rules of Procedure, rule "1B: Regular Commission meetings shall be the *third Wednesday* of the month at 6:00pm and shall be open to the public." Commissioners will vote on the revision at the August meeting.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No report.

#### **STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT**

No report.

#### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Amber shared that she has been selected to serve on the committee planning the commemoration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Washington State.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

No report.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Lori said new volunteer Richard Jones has been a big help working on the Balsley Collection at the Museum.

Lori thanked Shirley Dziedzic for her suggestion regarding a historical plaque in the vacant Alberston's building on Carpenter Rd. Community Development has assured Lori that the plaque will be preserved or removed if the building is demolished.

#### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, August 5, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at the ***Lacey Museum, 829 Lacey St SE***, following the Lacey Museum Open House (4-6pm).