

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2014, 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Yasemin Alptekin, Kimberley Bauman, Shirley Binkley, Fermnell Dowell III, Erich Ebel, Susan Goff and Amber Granger.

Excused: Kristina Trebil.

Staff: Lori Flemm, Parks & Recreation Director and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

Historical Society: Dick Yates.

Public: Ruth Wiegelt.

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Kimberley Bauman, Chair.

AGENDA

Item 9a, St. Martin's College National Register Nomination, was deleted from the agenda at their request. Item 9b, Review the National Register Evaluation process, was added to the agenda.

MINUTES

The August 20, 2014 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Amber Granger was appointed Youth Representative and Shirley Binkley was reappointed at the September 11 City Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lacey Historical Society (LHS). Dick Yates reported:

- The annual meeting/Lacey School reunion is on September 25. About 80 people have RSVP'd. The deadline to RSVP is September 18.
- Mr. Ebel offered his services to help them develop a website and/or with their next newsletter.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. August 29 Letter from Michael Houser, DAHP. A letter was received from the State Historic Preservation Office asking us to review the Nomination of St. Martin's College to the National Register of Historic Places (NR).
- b. Letter from the Lacey Historical Society (pending). This expected letter has not yet been received.
- c. Letter from Rebecca Sill, St. Martin's University. A letter was received asking that Item 9a be removed from the agenda in order to continue internal reviews of the nomination. They expect to be applying for the next round of NR nominations.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. This agenda item was reported under announcements.
- b. September 15 info session for owners of historic properties. Shirley Binkley reported that she attended this session and was disappointed both in the content and the lack of organization. She did not find it useful.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update - Depot Museum tour. City Council will be touring the White River Museum in Auburn and the Harbor History Museum in Gig Harbor on October 15. Ms. Bauman will be attending to represent the Commission. As there are extra seats in the van, Council has invited other Commissioners to join if they are available. October 13th is the deadline to RSVP to Ms. Flemm.
- b. Depot Capital Campaign Consultant Services. This is on hold until after the tour.
- c. LHC 2014 Work Plan Status. City Council needs an update of the work plan. Ms. Flemm asked for a review of the spreadsheet.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Deleted from the agenda.
- b. Review of the National Register nomination process. Ms. Flemm handed out the national register guidelines and reviewed them with the Commissioners. Ms. Goff explained the process since she is familiar with it. The nomination is turned in to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) who sends it to the Certified Local Government (CLG) for review. The CLG will hold a public meeting to receive comments from the public. After that the CLG decides whether to recommend the property for the NR. The recommendation is sent to the SHPO, where the Governor's advisory council decides on their recommendation. At that point, they can also place it on state register. At that meeting, they make their recommendation to the NR. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of being on the NR, the criteria for being accepted onto the NR and objections that could be raised regarding a nomination.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Ad Hoc Committee. In the absence of committee chair, Ms. Trebil, Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that there was no September meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for October 8th at 6 p.m.

Event Sponsorship Committee. Ms. Bauman reported that the committee had not yet met. She explained the purpose for the committee for those who were not at the last meeting.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

- a. Curator's Report. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported:
 - It has been one year since she became the Museum Curator.
 - The Afternoon at the Museum event was a great success with 42 visitors.
 - There were **84** visitors to the Museum in August. Attendance dropped off completely beginning Labor Day weekend. A highlight of the month was a visit from Isaac Wood's great-great-great grand-daughter.
 - Erin completed **8** customer service requests.
 - Volunteers gave **61** hours in August to the Museum and the Commission.
 - Data entry continued: 29 contacts, 1 temporary custody record, 64 accessions, 93 documents scanned, 8 items catalogued.
 - The oxen yoke case was reinstalled.

- The 2015 Thurston County Heritage Grant was completed.
- The 2015 lodging tax application was completed and we have received the verbal approval of our application.
- The Lacey Drive-In exhibit was installed and deinstalled at the Lacey Timberland Library. It will be going up in City Hall soon.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- a. Mr. Ebel shared his ideas for exposure and/or fundraising for the museum. These included geocaching, a black tie wine tasting event and a 10K fun run.
- b. Miss Granger would like to interview Ms. Flemm and Ms. Quinn Valcho for her school newspaper. She also created a museum flyer that she shared with the Commission.
- c. Ms. Alptekin shared her ideas for the school programs for the coming year.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Ms. Flemm shared bookmarks that she got at the Auburn Museum.
- b. There will be tree tours on the State Capital grounds, Tuesdays and Fridays at 11 a.m. through September.
- c. Ms. Flemm shared the White River Valley's operating budget. It is part of the packet that will be given to City Council on their tour.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 15, 2014, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.