

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 15, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Yasemin Alptekin, Fernnell Dowell III, Erich Ebel, Joseph Govednik, Kristina Trebil, and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Kimberley Bauman, Amber Granger.

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

Historical Society: Zelma Bernd.

Public: Shirley Binkley and Lee Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Erich Ebel, Vice Chair.

AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

MINUTES

- a. The February 18, 2015 minutes were reconsidered, approved as revised and placed on record. The previous version adopted at the March 18 meeting was recanted.
- b. The March 18, 2015 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

INTRODUCTIONS

- a. Lacey Historical Society representative Zelma Bernd was introduced to the Historical Commissioners.
- b. Shirley Binkley was presented with a plaque thanking her for her service on the Historical Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The following items were passed to the group for review:

- a. The executive summary from the Washington State Preservation Plan.
- b. A newspaper article on the status of the State Capital Museum.
- c. A flyer on the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation conference.
- d. 2015 Commission work plan with status updates.
- e. An insert from the Olympian on St. Martin's abbey coverage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lacey Historical Society (LHS).

- Zelma Bernd reported: The annual meeting is September 24th featuring the memorial gardens and the agricultural history of Lacey. The menu will likely be a garden picnic. In preparation, they are working on locating all of the plants and replacing some if necessary.
- Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that Thurston County Through the Decades 1950-1975 is progressing. The third letter went out this week. Nine organizations have committed to the event, but more are still expected to show. Activity books and kids interactives are being planned. The exhibit will honor previous curators and will include nicely done past exhibit panels appropriate for the time period.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Rep. Hunt in support of SSB5364. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the Commission received a nice letter from Representative Hunt in support of the bill. Unfortunately, the bill did not make it to the floor for a vote in time for this legislative session. It is likely going to be attached as an amendment to an omnibus bill.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. The new calendar was distributed with changes highlighted.
- b. Ms. Flemm encouraged Commissioners to attend the City Council work session on May 21st in Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Museum Policy Part I Section 5: Education and Interpretation.

Motion carried: To approve the policy with the following changes in Section 5.4:

- Change “great” to “greater” in the first sentence.
- Add “religion” as a trend of interest.

- a. Museum Policy Part II Section 7: Acquisitions.

Motion carried: To approve the policy with the following changes in Section 7.2i

- Add the word “modern” before “ammunition” in the last sentence.
- Change .050 caliber to .50 caliber.

- b. Plaques for Historic Properties. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that she is waiting on an estimate from Winsor Fireform. Mr. Ebel requested that the estimate be emailed to the Commissioners upon receipt.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Historic Preservation Research proposal accepted. Ms. Quinn Valcho announced that Heritage Services, owned by local historian Shanna Stevenson, submitted the accepted proposal for the Thurston County Heritage grant project. The contract is in negotiation and is expected to be signed this week or early next week.
- b. Historical Commission Policy: Mitigation

Motion carried: To approve the policy as written.

- c. Lacey Historian of the Year Nomination due on Sunday, May 10, 2015. Ms. Flemm encouraged Commissioners to get the word out about the Lacey Historian of the Year nominations.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Ad Hoc Policy Committee. The Committee met on April 8th and finalized the three policies approved above. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared that the Lacey Museum has joined the AASLH StEPs program, a self-assessment program to assist us in reaching the best practices in the museum field. The Ad Hoc Committee asked the Commission to consider merging the Policy Committee with the StEPs committee. The Commission agreed with the understanding that completing the policy manual is a priority. The next meeting will be May 13th at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Lacey Days Committee. Mr. Ebel reported that the Committee has met twice since the last Commission meeting and is making good progress. The flyer is

complete. Michael's is sponsoring the kid's craft area and Menchie's is sponsoring the ice cream toppings. The Lacey Fire Department will be bringing their antique fire truck. One story has been drafted for the docents in the museum.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

a. Museum Report. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported:

- There were 31 visitors to the museum in March including 25 walk-ins and 6 for museum business. This is up a small amount over last year.
- Erin completed 7 customer service requests. The curator also spent a lot of time working on a public records request.
- In March, volunteers gave 71 hours to the museum and 26.75 hours for the Commission for a total of 97.75 volunteer hours.
- The museum received a donation of an abstract of title for Lacey Villas.
- 13 objects and 1 archives record were catalogued.
- The prospective historic properties to be included in the brochure were narrowed down to 12 definites and 24 possibilities.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

a. Miss Granger was unable to be present but through Ms. Flemm reported that she is interested in serving a second term.

Motion carried: To recommend to Mayor Ryder that Miss Granger be appointed for a second term.

b. Mr. Tyler reported that he attended the Woodland District Strategic Plan Charrette. He expressed his concern that the Historical Commission was not invited as a formal participant in the process so that history and art can be considered during planning. Ms. Flemm said that she would pass on his concerns to the Community Development Department staff and Director.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Potential Joint Meeting on May 20 with Lacey Historical Society Board. The Commissioners agreed that it would be good to invite the LHS board to the May 20th Historical Commission meeting to hear an update on the Lacey Museum at the Depot in preparation for the Council Work Session on May 21st.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.