

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

## PRESENT

**Commission:** Yasemin Alptekin, Erich Ebel, Kristina Trebil, and Alan Tyler.

**Excused:** Kimberley Bauman, Joseph Govednik, Amber Granger, and Fermnell Dowell III.

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

**Historical Society:** Dick Yates.

**Public:** Shirley Binkley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Erich Ebel, Vice-Chair. No quorum was present so no business was conducted.

## AGENDA

One item was added to the agenda:

- 8c. Historical Street Sign for Rodeo Street.

## MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the August 19, 2015 minutes and found no changes at this time.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. City Council appointed Amber Granger to a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Youth Commissioner on August 27, 2015.

The Commission received the following items for review:

- b. 2015 Commission work plan with status updates.
- c. Information on the history of the South Union Grange.
- d. The Lacey Historical Society summer newsletter.
- e. A sympathy card for Chuck Hornbuckle, whose wife, Suzanne, passed away. Suzanne had a great enthusiasm for local history and she was a driving force in the Tumwater Historical Association. She will be missed.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Mr. Yates reported that the Lacey Historical Society Annual meeting will be next Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the Lacey Community Center. The Commission is invited to attend.

## CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter sent to Planning Commission on August 26, 2015. Ms. Flemm reported that the letter was well received and the Planning Commission accepted all of our proposed changes.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. 2016 Draft Calendar reconsideration. Ms. Flemm asked the Commission to reconsider moving Lacey History Month from June to July. She pointed out that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will likely begin in June and that would be a great way to kick it off. Ms. Quinn Valcho suggested that we should take advantage of

the promotion for Lacey Days and the anniversary by having it in July. Plus, it would help promote the event we are already doing in July. Mr. Ebel pointed out that we have a few months before the final decision has to be made.

Ms. Quinn Valcho shared a timeline of the history of Lacey History month for the Commission's consideration while making their decision. The first time that June was celebrated as Lacey History month was in 2010. Prior to 2007, Lacey History Month was celebrated in September and October.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Valerie Sivinski Grant Program Application. Mr. Ebel suggested to staff that a project be sought for this award. Ms. Flemm recommended that the repair of the wooden gutters at the Jacob Smith House would be the best project for this grant program. It is urgently needed and it is similar to previously funded projects. The Commissioners present agreed.
- b. August 2015 Acquisitions. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented August acquisitions and declined donations. There were no questions.
- c. Historical Street Sign for Rodeo Street. A citizen requested a correction to the historic street sign for Rodeo Street. Their belief is that it should be Richard Street. Research confirmed that the segment of 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Golf Club Road to College was originally named Rodeo in honor of the rodeo that was held in Lacey for 15 years at that location. General consensus of the Commissioners present was that there was no reason to change the sign. Interest was expressed in researching the name of Richard Street to see if another segment of 22<sup>nd</sup> Ave warrants a historic street sign.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Thurston County through the Decades. Ms. Trebil and Ms. Alptekin agreed to assist with this event.
- b. George Bush Homestead artifacts repository. No update. Mr. Ebel requested that staff touch base with the archeologist to see where the project stands.
- c. Sept. 1 Hearing on Historic Preservation Code and Standard Inadvertent Archaeological and Historic Resource Discovery Plan. See Correspondence, above.

### **Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Ad Hoc Policy Committee. This committee will meet on October 14, 2015 at 6 p.m.
- b. Lacey Days Committee. This committee is on hiatus until January.
- c. City of Lacey's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Mr. Tyler reported that the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee chair will be reporting the Committee's recommendations to City Council at their work session tomorrow, September 17, 2015.

### **STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT**

Ms. Quinn Valcho reported:

- There were 100 visitors this month, which included 26 walk-ins, 6 on museum business and 68 for the historic walking tour.

- Erin completed 5 customer service requests.
- 93 volunteer hours were given this month to museum and commission projects.
- Erin began to catch up on accessioning this month.
- A great deal of headway was made on PastPerfect cataloguing and data entry this month with the entry of: 53 objects + 148 images, 31 photos + 25 images, 2 library + 2 images.
- Erin & Erich visited the Bush homestead site.
- Erin reported on her positive progress with the Fleetwood family. They have agreed to proceed with an ADA compliant marker (including adding a contribution to cover the rest of the cost of the marker!) and they were pleased to read the policy manual updates which demonstrate the museum's commitment to the long-term care of artifact donations.
- Erin and Dick participated on the Middle School #5 Naming Committee. Last night at the School Board Meeting the name, Salish Middle School was approved with a raven as the mascot.
- Erin contacted the Jensen House and the Homann House property owners to determine placement of the historic register plaques. A P.O. has been issued.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

- a. Commissioner Alptekin suggested that the school outreach presentation should be updated to reflect different grade levels.
- b. Commissioner Tyler attended the Thurston County journal feasibility committee meeting earlier today with Ms. Quinn Valcho. A lot of interest was expressed from the many groups represented. Funding and administration are the main issues. Submissions would be readily available. Likely an editorial board of the participating groups would be formed to oversee it.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. Ms. Flemm reported that City Council will be on the road again on Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 at River Ridge High School.
- b. 2016 Budget Request. Several requests for funding were made by staff. The results of the requests are not yet known.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.