

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Yasemin Alptekin, Joseph Govednik, Amber Granger, Kristina Trebil, and Alan Tyler. Erich Ebel arrived at 6:22.

Excused: Kimberley Bauman and Fernnell Dowell III.

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

Historical Society: Dick Yates.

Public: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Lori Flemm who asked that a temporary chair be elected. Joseph Govednik was voted in as temporary chair.

AGENDA

One item was added to the agenda:

- 8c. Potential Acquisition of Switch Stand.

MINUTES

The Commission approved the August 19, 2015 and September 16, 2015 minutes as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The Commission reviewed and updated the 2015 work plan.
- b. Ms. Flemm sadly reported that Nora Brown, trustee of the Lacey Historical Society, passed away on Saturday, October 17.
- c. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared copies of the current and last newsletter as well as the Archives Month and Archaeology Month poster.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Mr. Yates reported that after asking the Society about Rodeo Street, there was no one who remembered the names of the streets specifically.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. 2016 Draft Calendar reconsideration. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the research that had been completed on Lacey History Month and Lacey Historian of the Year. Mr. Ebel proposed that since there was no strong reason to overturn the previous decision of this Commission, that the decision to have Lacey History Month be in July stand. July seems to fit the best with our already-in-place event and marketing for Lacey Days.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. August & September 2015 Acquisitions. Ms. Alptekin asked for the criteria for accepting the fictional book. Ms. Quinn Valcho explained that it is based on the author's mother's experience at the Children's Farm Home in Lacey.

Motion carried: To accept the August & September 2015 acquisitions.

- b. LHC Policy Referrals from the Ad Hoc Committee.

Motion carried: To approve the Attendance Policy, the Election of Officers and the Meetings Policy as written.

Motion carried: To approve the Historian of the Year policy with minor corrections.

- c. Potential Acquisition of Switch Stand. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that Jason Berman has offered a c.1934 switch stand from the depot area to the museum. It is very heavy and will be challenging to move, so she recommends accepting, but waiting until the final decision on the new museum project from City Council before moving it so that it will only have to be moved once. Ms. Flemm expressed concern about the possibility of losing out on the artifact if we wait. A compromise was proposed and accepted.

Motion carried: To accept the switch stand and execute a deed of gift, but not take physical possession until City Council has made their decision.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Thurston County through the Decades. Ms. Trebil reported that the event was a success, with 227 people visiting our booth. Mr. Ebel suggested putting the coloring pages into a coloring book as a takeaway.
- b. George Bush Homestead artifacts repository. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that she made contact with Ulrike, but that she really needs to speak with Mr. Clark, the landowner. She has contacted him to ask for an in-person meeting.
- c. Valerie Sivinski Grant Program Application. Ms. Flemm reported that when the estimate came back for the gutters it was more than expected. Due to City of Lacey budget request requirements for grants, it will not be able to be approved until the next round of grants.
- d. Update on Rodeo Street Reconsideration. Ms. Quinn Valcho summarized the research as reported last month. She contacted the citizen with the same information and the citizen was thankful for the information and required nothing further.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Ad Hoc Policy Committee. In addition to the items above, the Committee discussed the StEPs program, in particular the Mission, Vision, Governance section. Next month they will begin to evaluate ours. This committee will meet again on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 6 p.m. (change due to the Veteran's Day holiday).
- b. Lacey Days Committee. This committee is on hiatus until January.
- c. City of Lacey's 50th Anniversary Committee. Mr. Tyler reported that the 50th anniversary committee chair gave his presentation to the Leadership Council comprised of many of the past mayors of Lacey. There was much enthusiasm for the celebration and the museum. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that it has become clear that we will need to put together an exhibit, a presentation and beef up our events.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

Ms. Quinn Valcho reported:

- There were 38 visitors this month, which included 32 walk-ins and 4 on museum business.
- Erin completed 3 customer service requests and worked on several others.
- 54.25 volunteer hours were given this month to the Museum and Commission projects.
- Erin completed a bit of accessioning this month.
- Progress continued on PastPerfect cataloguing and data entry this month with the entry of: 34 objects + 132 images, 10 photos + 10 images, 3 library records.
- Erin was able to spend a small amount of time on inventory projects this month.
- Erin reported on the continued positive relationship with the Fleetwood family. The estimate came in higher than expected for the markers, so the Museum agreed to put in \$250. Mrs. Fleetwood is going to discuss it with the family and get back to us.
- Erin ordered the Jensen House and the Homann House plaques.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- a. Commissioner Alptekin will show the Thurston County Through the Decades photo slideshow at the November meeting.
- b. Ms. Alptekin suggested that Miss Granger could begin giving presentations sooner than last year. Miss Granger said that after she got over her busy period in school that she would work on getting some scheduled.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. Ms. Flemm reported that she is pleased with the 2016 Budget submittal to City Council which includes several of our budget requests including dehumidifiers and hygrometers, chairs & tables and PastPerfect online.
- b. Ms. Flemm also reported that she attended the Women's Leadership Council and the speaker was from Parent to Parent, a non-profit organization. They began their presentation by describing the history of the Homann House, which is where their offices are located. It is on the Lacey Historic Register.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.