

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Yasemin Alptekin, Fernnell Dowell III, Erich Ebel, Nathan Hunt, Kristina Trebil and Alan Tyler (arrived 6:03).

Excused: Joseph Govednik.

Staff: Erin Quinn Valcho.

Historical Society: Michael O'Keefe.

Public: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Erich Ebel, Chair.

AGENDA

Two items were added to the agenda:

- 7a. Lori Flemm retirement.
- 7b. Recognition for Amber Granger.

MINUTES

- a. The April 20, 2016 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Revised Contact List. Ms. Quinn Valcho pointed out that revised contact lists were in the packet and asked Commissioners to let her know if there are any corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lacey Historical Society (LHS). Mr. O'Keefe reported:

- a. LHS published their spring newsletter.
- b. Lanny Weaver, LHS President, has been working with Ms. Quinn Valcho on Thurston County Through the Decades, which is Saturday, May 21st.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. Lori Flemm retirement. Ms. Flemm's last day was May 11th. A retirement party will be held on Thursday, June 2nd with a city employee recognition at 3 p.m. and an evening reception for the public at 5:30.
- b. Recognition for Amber Granger. Miss Granger will be recognized at the June 23rd City Council meeting for her work as Youth Commissioner. Ms. Valcho and Mr. Ebel are unable to attend due to the Washington Museum Association conference in Tacoma. Mr. Tyler agreed to present the recognition with Ms. Alptekin serving as back-up in case he is unable to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recent Acquisitions. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that there was one donation by Ken Balsley and he has asked for some language restricting access to his donation. After some discussion, the request was made to revise the wording slightly.

Motion tabled: To approve the Recent Acquisitions.

- b. Fleetwood Marker dedication. The Commissioners, after discussion, determined that the best time would be September after school starts on a week day evening.
- c. StEPs Update. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the Audience section evaluation is complete. The Lacey Museum has earned its Basic certificate for this dimension. Mr. Dowell thanked Ms. Quinn Valcho for her hard work in getting the museum to that level. The next step will be to continue to the Interpretation evaluation. After all sections have been reviewed, the next step will be to prioritize the areas needing improvement as identified in the evaluation process.
- d. Historian of the Year. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that two award applications have been received. Once the May 31 deadline has passed, she will email the Commissioners the applications. Discussion will be held at the June meeting.
- e. Lacey Reserve Project Update. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the hearing was held on Tuesday, May 17th. Although she did not attend, it was reported to her by Community Development that it lasted all day. The hearings examiner will have 10 business days to make his ruling, at which time he will decide whether the City of Lacey followed the law or not. Mr. O'Keefe attended and confirmed that information. He also said that he wanted to correct some information from the last Commission meeting. LHS has not taken a position on the issue as an organization. Individuals on the board have strong opinions on it, especially those who live in the neighborhood. Another neighborhood resident, Joe Panesko, is a lawyer and represented the neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner ID badges. Ms. Trebil still needs to get her ID badge.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs. Ms. Trebil reported that the next meeting will be held on May 25th.
- b. Lacey Days. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the Committee reviewed volunteer needs and asked the Commissioners to report to Ms. Trebil any volunteer requirements they have. Everyone is asked to recruit volunteers and give contact information to Ms. Trebil. The group reviewed the draft event layout plan and determined that the next meeting would be at the Lacey Museum to ensure that the event layout will work.
- c. 50th Anniversary Committee. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that she and Ken Balsley have given 3 presentations and will be speaking at the Lacey Sunrise Lions club meeting on May 19th, with 3 others scheduled later in the year. She also reported that another ThurstonTalk article on the racetrack had been posted and the RFP for exhibit design is going out this week. Mr. Ebel also attended the meeting and was pleased to be able to participate in decisions about a public art piece that is being proposed.

- d. Youth Commissioner Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Ebel reported that they will begin meeting at the end of June.

STAFF/MUSEUM REPORT

Ms. Quinn Valcho highlighted the following from her written report:

- 86 visitors at the Museum last month, 46 on tours and 36 walk-ins. Attendance is 12% higher than last year at this time.
- Staff completed 6 customer service requests and spent about 12.5 hours on them. There are 7 open requests.
- Volunteers gave almost 152.25 hours to the museum & commission last month.
- Katy Perry and Alex Bidwell completed their internships. New intern Cordell Trusty begins his internship on Friday, May 20th.
- In the quest to find 50th anniversary photos, Ms. Quinn Valcho continued inventorying negatives (150+) this month.
- Data entry continued in PastPerfect with 105 records entered.
- The latest article on Lacey's racetrack was published on *ThurstonTalk.com*.
- Todd Goings was hired for the grant funded cataloguing position and starts on Tuesday, May 24.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

None.

CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 15, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.