

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Erich Ebel, Kristina Trebil, Nathan Hunt, Hunter Orcutt, Josph Govednick and Alan Tyler

Excused:

Staff: Erin Quinn Valcho, Jen Burbidge

Historical Society: Bob Krier, Margie Flesland

Public: Shirley Binkley, Kimberly Goetz

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Erich Ebel

AGENDA

Move 8a after Introductions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the agenda as amended.

INTRODUCTIONS

Erin Quinn Valcho introduced new Parks & Recreation Director, Jen Burbidge. Jen gave a brief summary of her career and said she is very excited to be in Lacey and working with the Historical Commission. Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed Jen.

Lacey Historical Society Representative Bob Krier introduced new LHS Trustee Margie Flesland.

Commissioners

Director Jen Burbidge asked Commissioners to introduce themselves when speaking, for transcription purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Transportation Benefit District presentation (Scott Egger & Roger Schoessel)
Lacey Public Works Director Scott Egger & City Engineer Roger Schoessel made a presentation on the Transportation Benefit District.
Erich Ebel question: Any discussion of countywide TBD vs. city by city?
Yes, but City of Lacey opinion is the most fiscally responsible route would be a local TBD.
Nathan Hunt question: How do businesses view potential tax increase?
So far, no negative responses from local businesses, and increase would be in line with surrounding areas.

MINUTES

The October 19, 2016 minutes were approved and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Work Plan Review
Commissioners reviewed the Work Plan for changes.

b. CLG Training Opportunities

March 7 training available. Erin will find out who covers cost of attendance.

c. Amy Turner

Erin was sad to announce Amy Turner passed away after an illness. No service is planned but Amy will be missed.

Bob Krier announced LHS Trustee Nora Brown also passed away recently. The Society would like to do a planting in the Memorial Garden next to the Lacey Museum and asked the process to do that. Erin will look into the process and get back to the Historical Society.

Commissioners observed a moment of silence in honor of Amy & Nora.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 1, 7pm Lacey City Council Meeting: Kimberly Goetz will be approved as new Historical Commissioner

NEW BUSINESS

a. Moved after Introductions

b. Election of Officers

Motion: Nominate Erich Ebel as Chair of Lacey Historical Commission

Hearing no other nominations, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Motion: Nominate Alan Tyler & Joseph Govendick as Vice Chair of Lacey Historical Commission.

Alan declined the nomination, saying he would like to see Joseph in the position. The motion was amended and unanimously approved Joseph Govednick as Vice Chair.

c. Historical Commission Ordinance Change Proposal

Erich drafted a proposed change to LHC ordinance regarding terms of service for Commissioners. He added the words "if there are no eligible applicants for a vacant position within three months of the position being vacated, the mayor shall consider reappointing applicants who have previously served on the commission regardless of the length of the applicant's prior term of service".

Motion: To approve recommended amendment to Lacey Municipal Code, Title 2, Chapter 2.42.020, Subsection A

The motion was seconded. Discussion: Commissioners discussed the wording of the amendment and did not make any changes. The motion was unanimously approved. Erin will take the recommendation to the next level.

d. Recent Acquisitions

3 new items were recently acquired. A list of these items is located in the meeting packet.

Motion: To accept 3 recent acquisitions.

The motion was seconded. Discussion: Commissioners expressed their gratitude to the people who donated the items. The motion was unanimously approved.

e. Museum Staffing November & December

Erin needs some coverage at the Museum over the holidays and her vacation. Commissioners suggest closing November 24-26. Commissioners will cover December 2-3 & 30-31 and Erin will confirm that schedule.

Motion: To close the Lacey Museum November 26, 2016 & December 24, 2016.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Museum Project & Planning

Jen provided a brief update and will have meetings with architect Jim Merritt and City Manager Scott Spence, regarding refocusing the Depot Project.

b. Update on Commissioner Search

Erich encouraged Commissioners to put the word out on the one remaining vacancy on the Commission.

c. Sunrise Lions Legacy Project Proposal

Commissioners reviewed photos and description of the existing marker the Sunrise Lions have near the Woodland Trail/Depot site, and would like to incorporate their Legacy Project as the Depot plan is more developed. Since they have an existing flag program, Erin thought dedication of a flag pole at the new Museum would be appealing to the Sunrise Lions. Commissioners agreed.

d. Thurston County Through the Decades request for input

In addition to the previously suggestions (below), Erich suggested opening the event to food/sales/craft vendors to enhance the experience of the event:

- Hold event once per year only
- Select one location at a prominent site with an overarching committee comprised of representatives from multiple organizations.
- Set a regular date during the summer rather than fall/spring when weather is unpredictable (or host at an inside venue)
- Select an annual theme
- In addition to the booths run by the historical groups, also have historical demonstrations and/or entertainment
- Have a marketing plan for the event with clear steps to follow

Motion: to forward bullet point suggestions to the Thurston County Through the Decades Committee.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Erin will forward suggestions to the Committee.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy/StEPs Committee

Committee will meet after the first of the year.

b. City of Lacey's 50th Anniversary Committee

City Open House December 5, 3-8pm at Woodland Square Loop HUB. Concurring Anniversary events include Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Lacey Parade of Lights and showing of the original *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Volunteers are needed to work open house, contact Erin or Mary Coppin.

- c. New Lacey Museum Planning Committee
First meeting will be scheduled after meeting with City Manager Scott Spence.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society
Bob Krier made his comments on behalf of the Society under Announcements.
- b. Others
No other comments.

MUSEUM/CURATOR REPORT

Erin reviewed her written report for Commissioners. A trained volunteer recently added 249 images to the Past Perfect database.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

There was a brief discussion about promoting events in the community.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Erich feels the Commission has not dedicated enough time to identifying historic properties in Lacey, and would like to see more time spent in research, inventory & proposal of historic properties/objects in 2017.
Kristina stated that portion of the Commission's mission may have been put to the side when the Depot Project became the primary focus.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jen offered her condolences to the Commission, for the loss of Lori Flemm. Thanked the Commissioners and Curator Erin for their service to the historical preservation of the City.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall