

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Erich Ebel, Joseph Govednik, Nathan Hunt, Hunter Orcutt, Alan Tyler, and Kristina Trebil.

Excused: Kimberly Goetz.

Staff: Erin Quinn Valcho and Jennifer Burbidge.

Public: Susan Goff, Historical Society; Dick Yates, Historical Society; and Shirley Binkley, Volunteer.

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

AGENDA

Add New Business: e) Report on recent CLG training. Revised agenda was approved.

MINUTES

The January 18 and February 15, 2017 minutes were approved placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Updated 2017 calendar distributed. Revised calendar was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

a) Recent Acquisitions

Erin reviewed the list of three recent acquisitions.

Motion: To adopt proposed acquisitions.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

b) Update on Commissioner Search

Jen reported no applications have been submitted. Commissioners discussed possible recruiting ideas including: advertising on TCTV, another media release, Thurston Talk, Senior News and City of Lacey social media.

c) Historic Preservation Ordinance Change

Erin reviewed an updated draft of the change to the Historic Preservation ordinance.

Motion: Table discussion on ordinance change to next month.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

d) A Midsummer's Ice Cream

Erin touched base with Michael's staff about sponsoring the craft station at the event and is waiting for confirmation. Jeannette Sieler, Parks & Recreation staff member is providing guidance for the event. Jeannette will be contacting Costco about an ice cream sponsorship. An ad for the event was put into the Summer Parks & Recreation brochure.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Depot Trail Amenity Proposal

Jen presented the Depot Trail Amenity proposal. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2017. After discussion, the Commission agreed that:

- The historical elevation is not required and may not be desired.
- The original design was not ADA accessible which would have to be considered.
- Having a clerestory represent the historic second floor is preferred rather than having stairs.
- Having a wood platform would be challenging, but maybe the same effect could be realized using stamped painted concrete.
- It was noted that there is a shed/outbuilding in the historic photo; possibly something like this could be re-created to store tables & chairs.

b) New Museum Exterior Look Ideas

Commissioners discussed ideas for museum exterior and looked at examples of other depots in other cities (Kelso, Fairhaven and Tacoma's Union Station). In general, Commissioners would like

- A design that incorporates materials from the Pacific northwest, like cedar and local stone
- A design with a modern feel but that has some tie to the historic nature of the depot/district

c) New Museum Interior Spaces/Programming Proposal

Erin presented her vision for the new museum's goals, programming, staffing and revenue. From those ideas, she presented the projected spaces needed for the interior of the museum.

d) Review Lacey Pioneer Award policy draft

Motion: Table Lacey Pioneer Award policy draft to next month.

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy/StEPs

Kristina reported that the Committee met on February 22nd, continuing to review the StEPs manual in the Collections Stewardship segment. The committee will meet next on March 22nd to continue that work and to review a loans policy.

b. Lacey Days 50th Anniversary Committee

No update. Latest meeting was same day as CLG training, so no one from the Commission attended the Lacey Days meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Lacey Historical Society

Sue said the LHS has selected a site in the Museum garden to place memorial plants for Nora Brown and Amy Turner behind the marker and bench. Plants will be placed when the weather gets better. The Annual LHS meeting will be September 27 at the Lacey Community Center.

b. Others

No other comments.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

a. Museum/Curator

Erin provided a written report for Commissioners.

Erin asked Commissioners to pay particular attention to italicized text when they review the Lacey Pioneer Award policy for discussion at the next meeting.

b. Commissioners

Commissioners gave a quick summary of the recent CLG training they attended last week. Commissioners who attended found the training very useful.

c. Chair

Erich announced that he has left his position at the Washington State Historical Society to take the position of Communications Director with the Washington Secretary of State.

d. Parks & Recreation Director

No report.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall