

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Kimberly Goetz, Joseph Govednik, Nathan Hunt, Hunter Orcutt, Kristina Trebil, and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Erich Ebel.

Staff: Erin Quinn Valcho; Jennifer Burbidge arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Public: Ken Balsley, Parks Board; Susan Goff, Lacey Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Joseph Govednik.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The March 15, 2017 minutes were approved and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ms. Quinn Valcho reminded Commissioners about the Himes-Fleetwood Marker dedication May 9th, at 6:00 p.m. and strongly encouraged everyone to attend.
- b. Ms. Quinn Valcho also reminded Commissioners that the recognition for volunteer Dick Jones will be at the May 11th City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Chair, Erich Ebel will be presenting the award to him and Ms. Quinn Valcho will give a demonstration of the new online database that Mr. Jones has been working on.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on Commissioner Search. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the Mayor is recommending Madeline Goodwin to be appointed to the Historical Commission. She is planning to run for City Council in the fall. Mr. Govednik asked whether Ms. Goodwin could serve on the Commission and the Council at the same time. Ms. Quinn Valcho responded that she could not; she would have to give up her seat on the Commission.
- b. Historic Preservation Ordinance Change. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented the proposed changes to the ordinance.

Motion approved: To accept the changes to the historic preservation ordinance to reflect current technologies.

- c. A Midsummer's Ice Cream. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that Olympic Card & Comic is on board as a partner for the event. They are planning to have a booth

with 1966 games and toys as well as some Cosplay characters such as Batman and Star Trek the Original Series, which both came out in 1966. The singing group from last year has expressed interest in participating, including 1960s standards. A discussion ensued about whether to have ice cream bars instead of scooped ice cream. A customer survey is also planned as part of the event. Mr. Tyler and Mr. Govednik noted that they still have valid food handler's cards.

- d. Depot Trail Amenity Project Update. Ms. Burbidge brought the contract which is still under revision. The contract in its current form states that the building would be designed to the "shell level with no interior partitions or finishes," but there was some concern that if enough money was raised to get the bathrooms included the contract does not include that possibility. The firm is ready to get started as soon as the contract details are worked out.
- e. Response to New Museum Interior Spaces. Commissioners were offered the opportunity to respond to the interior spaces presentation from last month. No further comments were made. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared ideas for museum programming that came from Parks & Recreation staff:
 - Consider the need for a catering kitchen
 - Parking may be an issue and should be addressed
 - Interior/exterior elegance will be necessary for rental appeal
 - Consider water feature or gazebo for rentals
 - Need nice bathrooms
 - P/A and audio system
 - Historical re-enactments
 - 5K Run
 - Grandparents day/senior day events
 - Daycamp tours
 - Archiving classes
 - Community exhibits
 - Dog watering station outside
 - Soft-serve ice cream machine
 - Kentucky Derby day – make hats; possible fundraiser
- f. Review Lacey Pioneer Award policy draft. Ms. Quinn Valcho explained how this award process is different from the Historian of the Year award.

Motion approved: To accept the newly written Pioneer Award policy with changes to reflect that the award could be given to a pioneer and not only to a descendent.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recent Acquisitions. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented recent acquisitions by the Museum.

Motion approved: To accept the recent acquisitions as written.

- b. Review Loans policy draft. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented the new loans policy that was approved by the Ad Hoc Policy Committee.

Motion approved: To accept the Loans policy as written.

- c. Discussion: North Thurston High School Class Photographs. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented the proposed donation of the oversized framed artifacts containing photographs of each student for each year. They are quite large and in varying conditions including some in poor condition. She presented several options: 1. Take all of them. 2. Decline all of them. 3. Accept with understanding that they would be dismantled. 4. Accept a small selection. After much discussion, the Commission determined that they would like the Curator to pursue accepting of the first one and one from 1966 after determining what the size and condition are of each. Other ideas included taking the first, the last and 1966, taking one from each decade available or taking the first 3 or 4.
- d. Train Car Potential Purchase. The Commission discussed an opportunity to purchase a train car for \$55,000 plus moving expenses (which would probably be around \$20,000). Ideas included asking for a reduced price if the rest could be arranged or looking for other available train cars. Mr. Govednik agreed to take the lead on this project. Ms. Burbidge agreed to find out where this train car is located.
- e. Thurston County Through the Decades, May 21. Ms. Quinn Valcho asked for volunteers to assist with the joint booth with the Historical Society. Ms. Trebil, Ms. Goetz and Mr. Orcutt agreed to volunteer.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs. The committee will meet again on May 26, 6 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.
- b. Lacey Days 50th Anniversary Committee. No one was able to attend the meeting this month, but activities are winding down. The Mayor's Gala will be on April 28th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society (LHS). Ms. Goff reported:
 - She will share the NTHS potential acquisition of class photos with the Society for their comment.
 - The memorial planting will be moved to the fall when it will be more appropriate for planting this type of tree.
 - President Lanny Weaver will be at the May 21 Thurston County Through the Decades booth. She will be coordinating with Erin.
 - The LHS Spring newsletter will be out at the end of April.
 - September 28th is the date for the annual meeting.
 - Ms. Weaver has the parking permission agreement for A Midsummer's Ice Cream.
- b. Others. None.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported:
 - Attendance is picking up at the museum. Last month saw 55 visitors including a tour from Saint Martin's history and English departments.

- Staff completed 10 service requests.
 - Public Affairs paid grant project assistant Todd Goings to research Lacey mayors for exhibit panels for the Mayor's Gala.
 - 5 new acquisitions came in last month.
 - Staff inventoried 272 items.
 - Thurston County Journal issue #2 is at the printer.
 - 177 records were entered into the database.
 - Staff worked on planning the Fleetwood historic marker dedication and Thurston County Through the Decades.
 - Ms. Quinn Valcho was a History Day judge.
- b. Commissioners
- Ms. Goetz reported that she discovered an organization called ZipSprout that helps non-profits get sponsorships with local businesses at no cost to them.
- c. Chair
- No report.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director
- Ms. Burbidge sent a letter to Lacey Rotary to request funds for the trail amenity.
 - Ms. Burbidge reported that she is updating the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive plan. One of the goals in the plan includes preserving historic resources. The first draft will be done by the end of April after which it will go to the Planning Department for their review. The relevant portion of the comp plan will be presented to the Commission for their review.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall