

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Executive Board Room

PRESENT

Commission: Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Hunter Orcutt, Kristina Trebil, and Alan Tyler.
Excused: Joseph Govednik and Nathan Hunt
Staff: Jennifer Burbidge and Erin Quinn Valcho.
Public: Shirley Binkley, volunteer; Susan Hartman (arrived 6:05 left at 7:45), Lacey Historical Society; Jim Merritt, Merritt Architecture; Jeff Ryan and Lowell Cate; Helix Architecture.

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

AGENDA

The following item, 7b was moved to 5.5 in the agenda (in between correspondence and calendar of events):

- Depot Trail Amenity & New Museum Project by Merritt Architecture and Helix Architecture

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

MINUTES

The May 17, 2017 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Quinn Valcho shared a letter from the Chief of the National Park Service, United States Department of the Interior thanking Lacey for its commitment to the CLG (Certified Local Government) program and commitment to federal historic preservation on the local level. A certificate accompanied the letter.

OLD BUSINESS (part one)

- a. Presentation of Depot Trail Amenity & New Museum Project Update
Jen introduced the architecture team of Jim Merritt, Merritt Architecture and Lowell Cate and Jeff Ryan, Helix Architecture. Jim Merritt covered the following information:
 - Depot trail amenity plans were reviewed
 - Two site plans were presentedDiscussion about the plans took place. Ms. Goodwin asked why the second floor is not being used as storage space. Ms. Burbidge stated it is both for cost and the desire for the space to feel open. Mr. Tyler asked about adding sliding doors to the Depot so that the site could be used for other events. Mr. Merritt said if we

made this change now the project won't be out to bid in a few weeks. Discussion followed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Quinn Valcho reminded everyone that Thursday July 13th, at 7:00 p.m. at the City Council meeting we will be celebrating July as Lacey History Month and we will recognize our Historians of the year.

OLD BUSINESS (part two)

- b. A Midsummer's Ice Cream. Ms. Quinn Valcho asked for feedback on the event poster. Discussion followed and changes were suggested. Ms. Goetz shared the status of volunteers for this event and suggested that everyone recruit people to help. Mr. Ebel provided an update on the vintage toys display from Olympic Card and Comics. He also has a lead on costumes, but still needs volunteers to wear them. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the site map and went over the event plan.
- c. Train Car Potential Purchase. Commissioner Govednik has been very busy personally--nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Debrief Thurston County Through the Decades. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported a wonderfully prepared event with booths that were interactive and educational. However, turnout was small likely due to lack of marketing. Mr. Ebel asked about the future of Thurston County through the Decades. Ms. Quinn Valcho said the last event is in October with Tumwater Historical Association hosting. All organizations gave their input on the future, but we have yet to hear what will be next.
- b. Lacey Historian of the Year. Ms. Quinn Valcho noted that the nomination was in the packets. Discussion took place.

Motion approved: To approve Nora Brown and Amy Turner as Historians of the year.

Trustee Susan Hartman, stated she is very happy about this nomination.

- c. May Museum Visits. Ms. Quinn Valcho and Ms. Burbidge shared information and pictures of the museums they visited. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared a spreadsheet that showed the museum visits comparison of square footage, budget, FTEs and attendance. Ms. Quinn Valcho and Ms. Burbidge thought Moses Lakes (only one operated under the City, under Parks and Recreation) was the most similar to our future plans.
- d. Recent Acquisitions. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the list of three recent acquisitions.

Motion carried: To adopt proposed acquisitions.

- e. Design Review for Lacey Museum roofing project. Ms. Quinn Valcho explained that the museum building is on the Lacey Historic Register so a design review must be completed before a permit can be issued for the roofing project. Since it has been some time since the Commission has completed a design review, Ms. Quinn Valcho recapped the procedures and the standards used for comparison. The project must preserve the building's character and focus on

repair rather than replacement wherever possible. The proposed roofing material was presented as well as photos of the damaged rafter tails that need repair.

Motion discussed: to issue a certificate of appropriateness (never officially voted on, see amendment below)

Mr. Tyler asked if the original roof had composition roofing. Discussion followed on whether the new roofing is the same as in the picture of the museum.

Fire alarm at 7:45 p.m. evacuating building; meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Discussion continued on the re-roofing project. Mr. Tyler stated that we need to hold ourselves to a higher standard and would like to look at a more historic replica of roofing that represents the history of the building. Discussion ensued about whether the roof should be “taken back” to a particular era. Ms. Quinn Valcho pointed out that the latest historic era would be 1972 when the building was vacated by the city, not in the late 1920s when it was built.

Ms. Quinn Valcho said these are the options for motions:

- Motion to issue a certificate of appropriateness
- Motion to issue a certificate of approval with conditions
- Motion to deny the certificate

Motion discussed, but ultimately defeated: to amend previous motion with the condition that the shingles identically match or as close as we can manage in character and design to what is currently present.

Mr. Tyler believes this should be non-laminated non-architectural shingles.

Discussion ensued about the timeline. Ms. Burbidge said that we could take whatever time is needed so that a new permit under the guidance of the commissions instruction can be submitted.

Motion carried: to deny permit to changes on Russell House/Museum building.

Mr. Ebel said the Commission needs to see a new permit application that will replace current shingles with identical materials that are present there now. The Commission requests to see picture side-by-side of the proposed material and the current shingle.

- f. Rules of Procedures. Mr. Ebel stated that the Commission operates under the same rules as the Council. This draft of parliamentary procedures for the Commission was amended from the Council’s version. He asked the Commission to review with the expectation that a vote will take place in July.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs. Ms. Trebil reported that no meetings take place in the summer and they will pick back up in September.
- b. Lacey Days 50th Anniversary Committee. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported 50th Anniversary will end with a wrap up at City Council meeting on July 27th at 7:00pm. Final event will be the South Sound BBQ July 8th at Huntamer Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. No report.
- b. Others. No comment.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported:
 - A written report is in packet
 - Attendance is similar to last year
 - Plans to renew exhibits in off season are in the works
 - The museum was offered a firearm with interesting logging history. Ms. Quinn Valcho is doing research on how and whether we can accept it.
- b. Commissioners. No reports.
- c. Chair. No report.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director.

Ms. Burbidge asked to revisit Mr. Tyler's suggestion of the sliding doors on the Depot so that we can let the architecture team know. Discussion ensued on whether this compromises the historic significance of the building. The Commission asked to see what it would look like with the large sliding doors. Ms. Burbidge said that she would follow up on this.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

NEXT MEETING

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