

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 6:00 p.m.

Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Jeff Crane, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Seth Huff, Seiji Naotsuka, Sarah Thirtyacre and Alan Tyler.

Excused: None.

Staff: Jennifer Burbidge, Parks and Recreation Director; Carolyn Elliott, Office Assistant; and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

Public: Sue Goff, Lacey Historical Society

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The October 16, 2019 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Joint Historical Commission/City Council Worksession on February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No updates to the calendar.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Depot Trail Amenity. Ms. Burbidge reported:

- **Schedule:** Falling a bit behind, but the contractor plans to add more workers and a concrete artist to finish the platform work to finish on time (end of January).
- **Playground surface:** tile surfacing needs a concrete pad below which will drive up the cost. Considering the pour-in-place surface which is not too much more in cost.

Ms. Goetz cautioned using anything made from recycled tire material (may be toxic). Mr. Tyler noted that the Washington State Dept. of Health said Olympia Schools do not have a problem with recycled materials; they did their own two-year study. Roosevelt Elementary school has the tiles in place poured over gravel if commissioners would like to go see the tiles.

- **Playground site work:** Funds are budgeted and has gone out to bid. This contract provides for site preparation for a future play structure, to include grading, placement and compaction of gravel base, concrete sidewalks, concrete curb, fencing, and installation of two park benches and drinking fountain, and

other work as outlined in bid documents. The play equipment and surfacing are expected to be installed in 2020.

The project was advertised through the small works roster for two weeks and bids were opened November 14. Seven (7) bids were received. A bid from WA Underground was rejected for failure to list unit prices. KBH Construction Co. of Olympia was the low bidder at \$41,752.60. The engineer's estimate is \$30,765.76.

KBH Construction Co. is qualified and capable of performing the work. Start date is anticipated to be around in January and there are 60 working days allotted.

- **Groundbreaking ceremony:** last Thursday November 14; a nice event. Two founding members of the Lacey Rotary were there. Thank you to commissioners Huff and Ebel for attending. Tours were not allowed that day due to safety, but can be scheduled later in the process.

b. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge reported:

- Task 1 (First 30 Days): Analysis of remodel vs. new building is first deliverable. Work still being done by KMB architect team. On November 20, staff and KMB meet. Once the completed info is received from KMB, a decision will need to be made as soon as possible so that the architect team can solidify phasing. Phasing will be necessary for the next grant application (due May 2020). More details to follow.
- Sometime in the next few months, the architect team will be invited to attend a Commission meeting.

Mr. Ebel asked about previously-discussed signage for the site. Ms. Burbidge noted that a sign has been installed near Clearbrook Street. Another sign "site of new Lacey Museum" will be installed near Lebanon Street.

c. Commissioner Nominations: Mr. Ebel asked for nominations from the floor for Chair. Mr. Tyler nominated Erich Ebel. No other nominations were received.

Motion carried: Elect Erich Ebel as Chair of Lacey Historical Commission

Mr. Tyler nominated Seth Huff for Vice Chair. No other nominations were received.

Motion carried: Elect Seth Huff as Vice Chair of Lacey Historical Commission.

Hearing no other nominations, the motions were seconded and unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Train Shunter from JBLM. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented photographs of a train shunter from JBLM that has been offered for the Museum. Discussion followed on the condition and cost of restoring the train shunter. JBLM will be in touch after legal review of the transfer.
- b. 2019 Work Plan Review. A few changes were suggested; however, the Commission will take the next month to review and propose changes.
- c. 2019 Accomplishments. The Commission will take the next month to review and propose changes.
- d. McKinney House. Ms. Burbidge gave historical background of the property.

- 2001- McKinney House acquired by the City
- 2002 - recommended to be demolished based on maintenance costs
- Lacey Historical Commission lobbied to preserve it. \$50,000 was allocated from to bring it up to minimum safety standards
- 2003-2008 - property misused and vandalized
- 2011 - Lacey Historical Commission, Park Board, Council and community members cleaned out the inside of the house

Although it is currently on the Park Board work plan, due to its significance in Lacey's history Ms. Burbidge believes this property should be on the Historical Commission's work plan.

- e. 2020 Work Plan Development. A few changes to the proposed work plan were suggested; however, the Commission will take the next month to review and propose changes.
- f. Recent Acquisitions. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented the recent acquisitions for the museum collection.

Motion carried: to accept acquisitions as proposed.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs Committee. On hiatus.
- b. Archaeology Committee. Ms. Thirtyacre will set up a time for this committee to meet. They will put together the following and report back to the Commission:
 - Set up a meeting between now and the next Commission meeting.
 - Develop a proposal for survey work that needs to be accomplished at the 5700 site, including possible resources and costs.
 - Consider next steps for the Jacob Smith House.
 - Identify any other issues this committee should work on.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Goff reported:
 - The Lacey Historical Society will be resuming board meetings the first of the year.
 - Ms. Goff had comments on the 2020 work plan. 1) Thurston County Throwback does not include Lacey Historical Society as a partner. The Commission meant no disrespect, but saw this as a partnership with all of the County organizations. 2) The Jacob Smith marker has been on the work plan for several years.
- b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared highlights from her report.
- b. Commissioners.
 - i. Mr Black attended the CLG training yesterday and he thought it was a good introduction.
 - ii. Ms. Thirtyacre will be attending DAHP Academy December 5. There are many changes in the works at DAHP, including the suggestion that parks that are over 50 years old should be included on the inventory as a cultural landscape.

- c. Chair. Mr. Ebel reported on the groundbreaking ceremony. It was exciting to see Lacey Rotary supporting this project. Ms. Quinn Valcho, Ms. Burbidge, Mayor Ryder, Deputy Mayor Pratt, and Councilmember Lynda Zeman were in attendance. He was disappointed that no one from Communications Department was there taking pictures.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director. The department has had some structural changes. Sue Falash is now the Recreation Manager and will have five staff reporting to her, thereby reducing Ms. Burbidge's direct reports. Among other changes, grand openings will now be under events. No change was made to museum staff.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall