

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Remote via Zoom

## **PRESENT**

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

Excused: Erich Ebel and Sarah Thirtyacre.

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

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Seth Huff.

## **AGENDA**

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

## **MINUTES**

The July 15, 2020 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. The Heritage Capital Grant advisory meeting was held on August 10. The City of Lacey placed #21 out of 40 applications.
- b. The Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation invites the Historical Commission to submit comments on the new state historic preservation plan.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Staff shared a complimentary email received from a customer.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- a. August 27, City Council meeting. The Council will announce Historian of the Year, reading Lacey History Month and Women's Suffrage month proclamations.
- b. September 21, 6pm, kicks off the virtual History talks season with Shanna Stevenson with her program, Washington Suffragists—Ahead of Their Time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Depot Trail Amenity.
  - There are still a few items remaining on the depot punch list. It was incorrectly reported last month that the depot was finished and turned over to the City.
  - There was a water leak on the southwest side of the building. The contractor is responsible and will come back to fix it.
  - The playground install began on Friday, August 14. Lacey Rotary club members were able to help with the install in two small shifts. The clock tower and the pour-in-place surfacing are yet to be installed. If everything goes quickly, the site can open September 1.

- Two interpretive markers are in; they were late coming in due to COVID-19. Maintenance staff will install them next week.
  - During normal circumstances, the operating hours of a seasonal use building with no heat would be May through September with bathrooms open 7 a.m. to dark and the building open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Unfortunately, we are having difficulty meeting COVID-19 standards for cleaning with current staffing levels, so many Lacey Parks restrooms still are not open. As a result, the depot bathrooms may have to remain closed. The playground can open with appropriate signage.
  - Discussion of renting the depot ensued. Current shelter rental fees are for a half day 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. or 3 - 10 p.m. for \$50 or a full day 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. for \$100. We may consider higher rates due to the nature of the building.
- b. New Museum project. The Commission discussed the council worksession; the general consensus was that it went well. Now that Council has agreed with the direction, design development can begin. Staff will meet with the design team on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Commissioner Terms Expiring. Ms. Burbidge reported that:
- Commissioner Crane took over an unexpired term that expires September 13, 2020. Unfortunately, Mr. Crane will not be able to renew his term.
  - Commissioner Huff's term expires the same day and is happy to renew his term.
  - Youth Representative Seiji Naotsuka's term is up.
- b. Strategic Plan update: Ms. Quinn Valcho gave an overview of the accomplishments from the strategic plan.

**Motion carried to adopt the Strategic Plan update.**

- c. Recent Acquisitions.

**Motion carried to approve recent acquisitions.**

- d. Jacob Smith House Gutters. Ms. Burbidge reported the gutters need to be replaced. Maintenance staff propose removing the gutters from the back of the carriage house and using those to patch the leaking gutters.

**Motion to accept the gutters from the carriage house to replace gutters that are leaking on the Jacob Smith house. Motion failed.**

Commissioner Black offered to look at the gutters with maintenance staff.

**Motion to allow the gutters to be patched and a later date make them aesthetically and historically appropriate. Motion carried.**

## **Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Policy/StEPs-on hiatus
- b. Archaeology Committee. The chair and staff met with the Squaxin tribe archaeologist. They are recommending an archaeology survey. More information will be provided at the next Commission meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Lacey Historical Society.
  - Ms. Weaver asked if someone had the plaque from the old Albertsons. Ms. Quinn Valcho has it and a new one is being installed.
  - The Historical Society has budgeted \$3,500 for an interpretive marker at the Jacob Smith House.
  - The Historical Society's next annual meeting is tentatively set for September 21, 2021.
- b. Others. None.

## **REPORTS**

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared highlights from her report.
- b. Commissioners.
  - Commissioner Black spent two days at the Smith MacDowell Museum in Asheville, NC for a consultation. In two weeks, he will visit the Wenatchee Valley Museum.
  - Commissioner Huff went to visit a few historical sites today. He thanked Ms. Burbidge for the department's support of the Senior Center through the maintenance on that building.
- c. Parks & Recreation Director.
  - The department continues to work on how to best serve the public in this crisis. For example, staff is working with partners to develop childcare for after school hours.
  - Some programs are running with safety plans in place.
  - Parks continue to be open.
  - Rainier Vista's skate park repairs are complete.
  - Long Lake beach is now closed due to toxic algae bloom.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.