

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Commission: Erich Ebel, Alan Tyler, Kimberly Goetz & Hunter Orcutt
Excused: Joseph Govednik, Kristina Trebil, Nathan Hunt
Staff: Erin Quinn Valcho, Jennifer Burbidge
Historical Society: Lanny Weaver, Shirley Dziedzic & Susan Goff
Public: Shirley Binkley

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Erich Ebel.

AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

MINUTES

Since there was not a quorum present, the January 18, 2017 minutes were not approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Card from Thurston County School Retirees (TCSR)
Thank you card with \$50 donation check to the museum, for taking TCSR records.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No changes to previously approved 2017 Calendar of Events.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recent Acquisitions
Table to March meeting. Erich thanked Lanny Weaver for her recent photo donation.
- b. CLG Training Transportation
6 attending training in Tacoma, all have their own transportation plans.
- c. Debrief Council Work session
Jen reviewed recent Museum tour and work session with council, prioritizing items for the project:
 - 1. Depot Trail Amenity completed in 2017
 - 2. Exterior design review for Depot
 - 3. Interior spaces planErin reviewed an interior space plan. Jen emphasized the importance of identifying the function of the museum space. Kimberly noted the absence of a classroom or meeting area for presentations or bringing in classes of kids. Erin sees classroom space being in the civic portion of the facility. Erich suggested the Curator/Museum director Erin draft a plan/wish list for Commissioners to consider at the next meeting.

Sub area plan for Depot district once top 3 priorities are complete.

Alan asked why original architect Jim Merritt was being retained, when the entire Depot plan and most of the people involved have completely changed. Jen said Merritt has design and exhibit knowledge that will help make things move quicker at this point. Erich asked who was responsible for deciding how and when things move forward on this project. Jen replied that “we have already decided that, the train’s left the station”. After multiple meetings with staff, leadership and input from the Commission, the decision was made to move forward. Erich asked that a visual with the new information be sent to Commissioners electronically. Jen suggested visual samples be used for future discussion & planning. Erich reminded the Commission that council has asked the LHC to “shoulder most of the Depot design work” and looks forward to working together to create something the City will really be proud of. Kimberly suggested considering mid-century designs to go along with era in which Lacey was incorporated and the 50th Anniversary.

d. Depot Trail Amenity

Jen described plans for Depot Trail Amenity, which is a 2017 priority for council. Erich suggested Jen draft a plan or make suggestions for Commissioners to consider. Council has pledged \$100,000 for some type of landmark and it has been determined to be the reconstructed depot as a trail amenity. Potential funding from local Rotary clubs is a possibility. Commissioners discussed possible location/placement, interior features and exterior façade for the trail amenity. Shirley Dziedzic expressed concerns over safety & vandalism and hopes things like lighting & security monitoring might deter vandals. Extensive discussion included a playground area and small fenced dog park on the property.

e. Historic Preservation Ordinance Change

Erin reviewed a draft of language change for Historic Preservation Ordinance. Change will be reviewed and considered at the next meeting.

f. A Midsummer’s Ice Cream

Erin reviewed planning outline for the event. Council asked for “new things” at the event. Erich would like to see more “wow factor”, Erin said she is open to suggestions. Discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Commissioner Search

Former Commissioner Shirley Binkley submitted an application for the current vacancy, but she lives in the UGA but the Commission already has 2 members from the UGA. Erich thanked Shirley for her interest and said it was unfortunate she lived just 50 feet outside City limits.

Kimberly asked if anyone reached out to (former Lacey Mayor) Senator Karen Fraser. Erich said the Commission would welcome any applicants, but that it might not be appropriate to seek out/recruit specific individuals. Kimberly asked if vacancies were advertised on TCTV. Jen will look into doing that.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy/StEPs

Report on completion of Interpretation Section: Erin reported on Kristina’s behalf.

b. Lacey Days 50th Anniversary Committee

Mayor's Gala planning is under way. The April 28 Gala is a fundraiser for the Lacey Veteran's HUB.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society
Board meeting is February 16.
- b. Others
No others.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

- a. Museum/Curator
Erin presented her monthly report.
- b. Commissioners
No reports.
- c. Chair
No report.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director
Jen said Planning Department confirmed "Depot District" is the correct name of the Depot area. Lacey History Month & Historian of the Year have been added to the July 14th City Council agenda. Shirley Dziedzic suggested someone look into recognizing Dick Johnson.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall