

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting via Zoom

## **PRESENT**

Commission: David Black, Kimberly Goetz, Seth Huff, Jim Keogh, Sarah Thirtyacre (*arrived 6:17 PM*), and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Erich Ebel

Staff: Jennifer Burbidge, Parks, Cultural & Recreation Director; Sarah Smith, Executive Assistant; and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Pro Tem Seth Huff

## **AGENDA**

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

Item 8b was deleted from the agenda.

## **MINUTES**

The September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes were corrected for formatting reasons, then approved as corrected and placed on record.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. None

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Commissioner Huff submitted his resignation letter and advised he is resigning effective November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 due to schedule conflicts.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- a. History Talks! Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Legacies of the Manhattan Project.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge reported:
  - Contract for the cultural resources survey in place.
  - The new museum has been approved for Salmon Safe Certification.
  - Staff developed a timeline for fundraising for the new museum, including potential grant opportunities, and the partnership with the Lacey Community Foundation that is forming. Commissioner Keogh asked if we have a projected reasonable range of funds to expect. Ms. Burbidge advised this is the next step and will return to this question at a later meeting.

- b. Lacey Depot: Ms. Burbidge reported the Depot building will be locked for the season pending one rental in October and will reopen in the spring. Restrooms will remain open and close at dark. The electrical system was vandalized and repairs are being made. A budget request has been submitted for security cameras. Staff are planning for a spring re-launch of the food truck event.
- c. Thurston County Heritage Day: No report, no one attended.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Recent Acquisitions: Ms. Quinn-Valcho proposed two new acquisitions  
**Commissioner Black made a motion to accept the acquisitions.  
Commissioner Keogh seconded. Motion passed.**
- b. Workplan for 2022: Ms. Quinn-Valcho asked the Commission to review the proposed workplan. Changes requested included:
  - The addition of the RAC Kiosk project and the 2023 Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Plan.
  - Commissioner Thirtyacre proposed reviewing the process of naming places and producing signage at Lacey's parks in the interest of promoting inclusion

## **Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Policy/StEPs – No report, on Hiatus.
- b. Archaeology Committee: Commissioner Thirtyacre reported the committee met on October 13<sup>th</sup> to review the proposed cultural resources survey for the museum site. Only one proposal was received which is a systemic problem. They discussed cost estimates and research design methods. The committee requests to be involved in each step of the survey, especially the research design and deliverables.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Lanny Weaver reported:
  - The Lacey Community Foundation approached the Society about being a Fiscal Sponsor, but it was not feasible.
  - They had a great response from their last newsletter. The next newsletter comes out in January.
  - The 2021 annual meeting was postponed.
- b. Others. None present.

## **REPORTS**

- a. Museum/Curator: Ms. Quinn-Valcho shared highlights from her report.
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- b. Commissioners. Reports:
  - Commissioner Tyler proposed tracking photographic changes in Lacey. Ms. Quinn-Valcho enthusiastically accepted the offer.

- Commissioner Keogh is continuing his project to catalogue the *Lacey Leader* Collection and is on the final box of negatives.
  - Youth Commissioner Miller wants to share historical information and museum events on the Youth Council's social media.
- c. Chair: Pro Tem Chair Huff reported that he attended a September 11<sup>th</sup> event at the Lacey Food Bank and participated in a discussion about food and diversity.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director: Ms. Burbidge reported:
- Results are in for the Lacey Cares Survey and a much shorter second Lacey Cares Survey is now available. She suggested Youth Commissioner Miller use the Youth Council social media to promote participation in the survey.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:00 p.m. remote meeting via Zoom