

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Jim Keogh, Seth Huff, and Alan Tyler.

Unexcused: Sarah Thirtyacre

Staff: Carolyn Elliott, Department Assistant; and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

Public: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair, Erich Ebel.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The June 16, 2021 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that.

- Ms. Burbidge was not able to attend this meeting.
- City of Lacey has announced a pause to in-person meetings. Commission meetings will continue via Zoom.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a) September History Talks!
Captain Cook Rediscovered will be September 8 at 6:30 pm. Moving forward the talks will be a hybrid model, both in-person and live streaming. October's talk is Hanford History project. Ms. Quinn Valcho encouraged all to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum project. July 30, Staff met with Salmon Safe team and confirmed many of the requirements need to obtain certification.
Next Steps: Salmon Safe will outline conditions for Salmon Safe certification, then they will formalize the agreement that the City will comply with the conditions for the 5-year certification. Then it can be publicized. Salmon Safe will check in with the City annually.

Voluntary cleanup program at new museum site started July 13 and finished August 18. It was expected to take 4 weeks but went about 1 week late. All of the contaminated soils are gone and the hole is filled with compacted crushed rock. A monitoring well is getting installed per DOE and will remain for the next

year. Ms. Goetz provided information on the financial obligations of monitoring wells. Ms. Quinn Valcho will pass this information onto Ms. Burbidge. Mr. Ebel asked where the soils were being disposed of. Ms. Burbidge will report back at next meeting.

Lacey Depot.

Report from Justin Beard: The Depot has a total of 7 reservations on the calendar from July-September, bringing in \$800.00 in fees as of today. In addition to the private rentals on the weekends, Jeannette and Jordy put on a "Concert in the Park" and the site is also host to the Food Truck Depot throughout the weekdays. When not rented it is available for drop-in use and most days you'll find the train themed playground full of kids playing and families enjoying a picnic in the Depot. The feedback received up to this point has all been positive and people are really enjoying everything available.

b. Tribal Relations-event in Sept.

- **Squaxin Island Tribe.** Most community events are through the museum. The Museum re-closed as of August 3.
 - Squaxin Island Tribe Museum Fundraiser, Saturday, September 21, \$75/ticket
- **Nisqually Tribe.** Events on their website are clearly marked if they are open to the public.
 - Included items in the packet which are listed as public.
 - Many tribal events are being postponed to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19.
 - Nisqually Wellbriety Pow-Wow, Sept. 24-26. Commissioners discussed the level of participation by the Commission. It was decided that Commissioners Ebel, Huff, and Tyler would each attend on one of the days of the event and report back.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Recent acquisitions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the recent acquisitions.

b. 2021 Museum Closures.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the 2021 Museum Closures.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Policy/StEPs-on hiatus

b. Archaeology Committee. No report.

Public Comment

None present.

REPORTS

a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared highlights of her report.

b. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Huff:

- Met with Thurston County Historical Commission regarding the RAC kiosk
- Asked to add RAC kiosk to next month's agenda
- They are debating fiberglass vs. paper (paper for ease of changing out). Ms. Quinn Valcho suggested coroplast as an alternative for longevity.
- Lacey Makerspace could be a source of volunteers.
- Ms. Quinn Valcho advised to develop content outline, do research, and hire a designer, before beginning the writing phase.
- Confirmed Lacey has no financial commitment.
- Will meet as a sub-committee via email.

Commissioner Keogh:

- Will be attending CLG Design Review training on August 27.
- He is back to volunteering at the museum cataloguing the *Lacey Leader*.

c. Chair. Mr. Ebel reported that he just finished producing an audio tour for Cowlitz County.

d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared in Ms. Burbidge's absence that interviews were held today for an Executive Assistant to the Director of Parks, Culture, and Recreation.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m. remote meeting via Zoom