

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2016 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Yasemin Alptekin, Fermnell Dowell III, Erich Ebel, Joseph Govednik, and Kristina Trebil. Alan Tyler arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Excused: Amber Granger.

Staff: Erin Quinn Valcho.

Historical Society: Lanny Weaver, Shirley Dziedzic.

Public: Shirley Binkley and James Holcomb. Nathan Hunt arrived at 6:50 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Erich Ebel, Chair.

AGENDA

One item was added to the agenda:

- 8d. Old Brewhouse Foundation Request for Participation in Mobile History Interpretive Displays

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

MINUTES

The January 20, 2016 minutes were approved as corrected and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. RevitalizeWA conference, April 25-27. Ms. Quinn Valcho announced that CLG's are being offered 2-for-1 registration to the conference of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation. Mr. Ebel said that if anyone was interested in going, he is planning to attend and he would like to take advantage of the offer.
- b. Update on Lori Flemm. Ms. Flemm is out of the hospital, but returning to UW Medical Center during the week for treatments. She is in good spirits and is making progress in her recovery.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lacey Historical Society (LHS). Ms. Weaver reported:

- a. She and Shirley are attending in Dick Yates' absence.
- b. LHS met with the Lacey Community Center staff; the date of the annual meeting has been set for Tuesday, September 27th. The theme will be 50 years of Lacey and the event will be combined with the Lacey School reunion.

Others: None.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. Review Revised 2016 Calendar. Based on new information, many changes were made to the calendar.

Motion carried: To approve the revised 2016 calendar with the addition of the LHS annual meeting.

- b. City Council Worksession on March 3rd. Ms. Quinn Valcho announced that Mr. Ebel as Chair will be presenting the 2015 LHC Accomplishments and the 2016 goals to City Council at the March 3rd worksession. Ms. Quinn Valcho strongly encouraged all of the Commissioners to attend this important opportunity to speak one-on-one with Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Report on Arts & Heritage Day, February 8 & 10. Mr. Govednik reported that the event was somewhat disorganized because the Arts Alliance director left the post a week before this event. The Washington Museum Association is working on becoming a closer partner in scheduling meetings with legislators. Mr. Ebel reported that the reception at the State Capital Museum was an excellent event, but was poorly attended by legislators.
- b. Museum Closures. Ms. Valcho presented the proposed 2016 closures for the museum.

Motion carried: To approve the 2016 museum closures.

- c. January 2016 Acquisitions. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented the report. Ms. Alptekin asked if the museum had the equipment to scan slides. Ms. Quinn Valcho acknowledged that we do, but that the Chamberlain donation came to the museum already scanned.

Motion carried: To approve the January 2016 acquisitions.

- d. Old Brewhouse Foundation Request for Participation in Mobile History Interpretive Displays. Ms. Quinn Valcho received a request to create a poster or display describing the Lacey Museum that would be included in their mobile museum, the purpose of which is to increase public awareness and interest in the history of the South Puget Sound region and communicating their goal of creating a museum in the Old Brewhouse complex. Many questions were raised by Commissioners, including whether this goal is realistic, what the public's assumption might be about our involvement if our museum is included, what exactly we are being asked to do and whether the time commitment is something we can give at this time. Mr. Ebel suggested that we ask the organization to attend our next Commission meeting so that we can have our questions answered. Ms. Quinn Valcho agreed to coordinate this.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on Chamber's Prairie Cabin Logs. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that having learned that there were some losses during the last transport of the logs, she and Ms. Binkley will be visiting the logs in their new location on February 18th. Mr. Ebel suggested that perhaps the Commission should consider whether it is worth investing in the time to save rotting logs. Ms. Trebil asked for confirmation of whether the logs were accessioned into the collection or not. Mr. Tyler commented that the logs, if not usable for remaking the cabin could be repurposed for other uses. Ms. Dziedzic stressed the importance of the historical tie of the cabin logs and

their construction methods to the history of the school. Ms. Quinn Valcho will pursue an expert opinion in the matter of the logs and their status in the collection.

- b. Recruitment of Commissioner to fill the vacant position. Ms. Valcho reported that after interviewing candidates, the Mayor has elected to appoint Nathan Hunt to the Commission. He is expected to be appointed at the February 25th Council meeting. At Mr. Hunt's arrival at the meeting, introductions were made and he was welcomed by the Commission.
- c. Commissioner Tyler's Presentation of 50th Anniversary Planning Committee's Presentation to Lacey City Council. Mr. Tyler presented the PowerPoint that was presented to City Council.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs. Ms. Trebil reported that the committee did not meet in January but that a meeting is scheduled for February 24th. She also expressed concern that there are not enough Commissioners at the ad hoc meetings. Ms. Alptekin volunteered to be a substitute for Mr. Govednik when he is unable to attend.
- b. Lacey Days. Mr. Ebel reported that the Committee met at 5:15 p.m. just prior to the Commission meeting. The event plan was reviewed in detail. Tasks to be completed for the next meeting were reviewed. Event coordinators are to return next month with a rough draft plan of their assigned areas. Mr. Holcomb reported that Michael's is excited to continue its partnership with the event.
- c. 50th Anniversary Committee. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the 50th anniversary logo might not be finalized yet, more budget dollars are being requested, and that Saint Martin's students have been approached about developing a social media strategy. The Historic Committee's next article on ThurstonTalk will be on Panorama.

STAFF/MUSEUM REPORT

Ms. Valcho provided a written copy of the December report and presented the 2015 annual report of the Lacey Museum. Highlights included:

- 102 visitors at the Museum last month, including 46 walk-ins and 50 people on tours
- Erin completed 5 customer service requests and spent about 14 hours on them.
- Volunteers gave 85 hours to the museum & commission last month.
- The interns from Saint Martin's are doing excellent work. Katy is cataloguing the Lacey Leader collection and Alex is doing research for the 50th anniversary.
- Data entry into PastPerfect continued with 72 records entered and 39 images added to those records.
- Progress was made on the Fleetwood marker. The budget has been approved, the purchase order has been requested, and the money received. The expectation is that the project could be completed within a month. The next step in the meantime is to select a location. The location will be selected by staff, input received by the family and the Parks Commission will make the final decision.
- The Winter 2016 newsletter was published.
- Erin presented a program on photograph preservation to the South Sound Heritage Association.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Ms. Alptekin expressed concern that she has been unable to coordinate a time to meet with the Youth Commissioner to review her program. School programs should already be scheduled and presented by this time. Perhaps in the future the Commission may reconsider having a senior as the Youth Commissioner given their many commitments during such a formative year. Mr. Ebel volunteered to call Miss Granger to see what support we can lend her.

CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.