

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2022 6:00 p.m.  
Remote meeting via Zoom

## **PRESENT**

Commission: David Black, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Jim Keogh, Nathan Miller, and Sarah Thirtyacre.

Excused: Jennifer Burbidge, Alan Tyler.

Staff: Sarah Smith, Executive Assistant, and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

Public: Lanny Weaver.

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

## **AGENDA**

The following items were added to the agenda:

8e – February Worksession Debriefing

8f – Hybrid/Remote Meeting Discussion

**Commissioner Goetz made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Black seconded. Motion carried.**

## **MINUTES**

The January 19, 2022 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Quinn Valcho announced Ms. Burbidge will not attend tonight's meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Ms. Quinn Valcho stated April 13 at 6:30 p.m. is the next History Talks event on Gwinwood Resort and its namesake Gwin Hicks.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. New Museum Project. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported site demolition has begun. There was a minor delay due to potential artifacts found on-site, but demolition has since resumed. A No Further Action Likely notice was received from the Department of Ecology on March 2 and the site demolition will proceed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Recent Acquisitions. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the proposed acquisitions.  
**Commissioner Thirtyacre motioned to approve the acquisitions. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.**
- b. Lacey History Month. Ms. Quinn Valcho confirmed Lacey History Month is in May. Nomination forms are open for Historian of the Year. All nominations are due by March 31 and will be considered at the April commission meeting. The award will be made at the May 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and presented by Commission Chair Ebel.
- c. Lacey Depot Grand Opening. Ms. Smith confirmed she is coordinating this event. The evening of May 25 is the tentative date with confirmation that Lacey Rotary will also be in attendance for the opening of the train-themed playground. Commissioners were invited to

share any ideas for the opening events. Large ribbon cutting scissors were requested. The Commission confirmed this is their one suggestion at this time.

- d. Food Truck Plaza Update. Ms. Quinn Valcho updated the Commission on the food truck event which will be taking place at the Lacey Depot this summer. The location will also serve as an information center for the construction of the new museum. Tensile structures for shade have a target completion. Commissioner Ebel asked to clarify the spacing and orientation of the food truck locations. Commissioner Goetz suggested adding signage at the intersection of Lebanon and Pacific.
- e. February Worksession Debrief. Commissioner Black updated the Commission on his impressions of the worksession. The Commission presented a report on the Lacey Depot, the mayor provided information about the Lacey Foundation, and City Council was complimentary to the Commission's work. Chair Ebel expressed his thanks to Parks, Culture & Recreation staff for their hard work.
- f. Hybrid/Remote Meeting Discussion. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the City Council's decision to adopt a hybrid meeting method and advised that the City Clerk wanted to verify the Commission's decision for the April meeting. Ms. Quinn Valcho informed the Commission Ms. Burbidge recommends moving to a hybrid model, but the decision is up to the commission.

**Chair Ebel made a motion to adopt a hybrid meeting model for April as a test. Commissioner Black seconded. Motion carried.**

### **Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Policy/StEPs. – On hiatus.
- b. Archaeology Committee. Commissioner Thirtyacre requested photos from inadvertent discovery at the museum site when they become available. Ms. Quinn Valcho will share the cultural resources survey report with all staff and Commission changes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Lanny Weaver stated that Saturday, March 19 is the Society's first in-person meeting since COVID. Ms. Weaver asked if the HistoryTalks will be done as a hybrid meeting. Ms. Quinn Valcho stated they will remain virtual through May.

### **REPORTS**

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho provided highlights from the written report, including attendance for the recent HistoryTalks! events, the status of current historical projects, and the internship grant.
- b. Commissioners. Commissioner Keogh reported he is still waiting to hear from the Thurston County Historic Commission. Commissioner Thirtyacre reported a historical-themed play is being put on at the Olympia Little Theater. Commissioner Miller reported the Youth Council met in-person recently and invited Commissioners to attend the next meeting.
- c. Chair. Chair Ebel reported his book on maritime heritage in Washington will be released April 2023 to coincide with the launch of the National Maritime Heritage area in Washington State.
- d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director. No report.

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m. hybrid meeting via Zoom and in person.