

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 6:00pm

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom & City Hall

The Historical Commission meeting will be conducted both remotely and in-person. The public may attend the meeting in-person at the Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall located at 420 College St SE. The public may also view the meeting by visiting a link, or call in and listen via telephone:

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1. Call meeting to order
2. Additions or deletions to the agenda*
3. Minutes
 - a. Correction/Approval to the June 15, 2022 minutes*
4. Announcements
5. Correspondence
6. Calendar of Events
7. Old Business
 - a. New Museum Project
 - b. Lacey Depot / Food Truck Plaza
 - c. Goose Pond/Jackson Memorial Marker (final version)
8. New Business
 - a. Recent Acquisitions*
9. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - a. Policy/StEPs Committee—on hiatus
 - b. Archaeology Committee
10. Public Comment
 - a. Lacey Historical Society
 - b. Others
11. Reports
 - a. Museum/Curator

- b. Commissioners
- c. Chair
- d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director

12. Adjourn

**Items that require Commission action.*

The Museum enriches our community and engages visitors by sharing vibrant stories of the past through the preservation and celebration of Lacey and the South Sound region's cultural heritage.

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting via Zoom and Lacey City Hall

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Erich Ebel, Jim Keogh, Kimberly Goetz (*arrived at 6:02 p.m.*), Sarah Thirtyacre, and Alan Tyler (*arrived at 6:02 p.m.*).

Excused: None.

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

Public: Seth Huff.

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

AGENDA

Commissioner Black made a motion to approve and adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

The following items were added/deleted from the agenda.

- a. Item 7c was moved to 7a.

MINUTES

The April 20, 2022 minutes were corrected for grammar, approved as amended and placed on record (Sarah, did you make the correction?).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ms. Burbidge announced that there were three applicants for the open Commissioner position.
- b. Ms. Quinn Valcho announced the resignation of the Museum Assistant.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Historian of the Year Award. Ms. Burbidge shared part of the Historian of the Year presentation from the previous Council meeting. Chair Ebel presented the 2022 Historian of the Year award to former Commissioner Seth Huff.
- b. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge reported that she and Ms. Smith hosted a booth at the Lacey Spring Fun Fair. The new museum project generated considerable public interest. Outreach is being done to share more information with the public.
- c. Lacey Depot Grand Opening Recap. Ms. Burbidge reported the grand opening was successful. The Commissioners discussed their experiences and suggestions.
- d. Goose Pond/Jackson Memorial Marker. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the historic marker is close to completion. The location has been confirmed and the text has been reviewed by all stakeholders. Commissioners viewed the latest draft of the design. Ms. Burbidge advised the marker fabrication will take 12 weeks, postponing the dedication to October.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recent Acquisitions. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the recent acquisitions.

Commissioner Keogh made a motion to accept the acquisitions. Commissioner Black seconded. Motion carried.

- b. Open Public Meetings Act Changes. Ms. Burbidge explained the state legislature changed the OPMA for more inclusivity and public access. The most important takeaways are that the public has to be allowed the opportunity to comment on items on the agenda and an in-person option must be provided for the public.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs Committee – on hiatus.
- b. Archaeology Committee – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. None present.
- b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho gave highlights from her report.
- b. Commissioners. Commissioner Keogh reported he is working with the Thurston County Historical Commission on the RAC interpretive marker. Commissioner Thirtyacre reported she is in contact with a local archaeologist working in Thurston County. Commissioner Tyler reported he is volunteering with the Thurston County Emergency Preparedness group.
- c. Chair. Chair Ebel reported the Washington Museum Association Conference is in June in Olympia. It is the first in-person conference in three years. Chair Ebel will be presenting at a workshop alongside a state historian.
- d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported on summer programming events coming up. The Love Lacey market is currently running on the third Thursday of every month at Huntamer Park with local vendors and entertainment.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 6:00 p.m. hybrid meeting via Zoom and in person at Lacey City Hall.

JACKSON FAMILY/GOOSE POND HISTORY

Jackson Family History

Nathaniel “Nat” Jackson and Thelma Harrison both grew up in the Jim Crow-segregated South. Nat was born in Lillie, Louisiana in 1943 and Thelma in Prichard, Alabama in 1946.

The two met in the fall of 1963 while attending Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Nat and Thelma credit the historically Black university for fostering their identities and preparing them for their future careers. It affirmed their pride in being Black.



The Jacksons got married in 1966.

The Road to Washington

Thelma earned her degree in biochemistry and in 1968, Battelle Northwest, located in Richland, Washington, recruited her as an Inhalation Toxicologist — an opportunity the Jacksons credited to Affirmative Action. The Jacksons loaded their belongings and daughter, Debrena, into their 1967 Chevy Camaro and headed to Washington.



The Jacksons celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 9, 2016.

After a brief stay in Richland, the Jacksons moved to Pasco to work with Black youth and got involved in local government, education, criminal justice, and other civic activities. In 1970, they relocated to Lacey and led the effort that established the New Life Baptist Church in 1975.

Nathaniel “Nat” Jackson

In 1970, Nat was employed as an Economic Development Specialist for the Washington State Office of Economic Opportunity. In 1973, Washington State Governor Daniel J. Evans appointed him as Senior Staff Assistant. Nat’s cabinet responsibilities included the Department of Social and Health Services which included prisons, healthcare, and veteran affairs; the Department Labor and Industries; and several other agencies. He also led the effort to establish the Office of Minority and Women Business Enterprise.



Photo courtesy of Ralph Munro

Nat made an impact in the community, as well. In 1993, he became the first Black president of the Olympia Rotary Club. In 2002, he started the Nat Jackson Charity Golf Tournament, initially supporting The Byrd Foundation for Racial Healing, and later added local Rotary Clubs.



In 2017, Nat became the “Jump Rope King” — the U.S.’ fastest 70-plus jump roper after an appearance on Steve Harvey’s Little Big Shots: Forever Young.

Nat believes his “Jump Rope King” designation is more than just a title, “It’s about being in the best condition you can be in. It’s about sustaining your health and passion for your family, and sustaining life.”

Thelma Harrison Jackson

Throughout her life, Thelma worked relentlessly to improve educational opportunities for students and families. She coordinated the Work Options for Women program at the Olympia YWCA; was a delegate to the National Women’s Conference in 1977;

Nat pictured with Governor Daniel J. Evans c. 1973

served 20 years on the North Thurston School Board of Directors; served on The Evergreen State

College Board of Trustees, and as President of the Washington State School Directors Association. Thelma also established a consulting firm that focused on educational and systemic change.

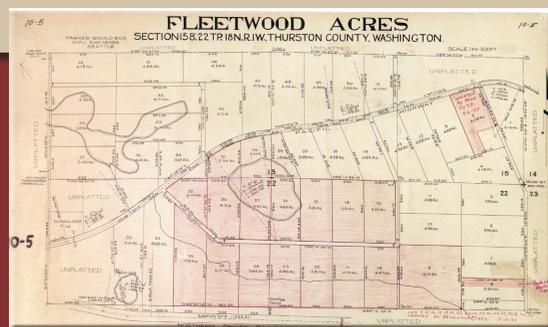


In 2002, Dr. Thelma Jackson received her doctoral degree in Educational Leadership and Change. In 2022, she published *Blacks in Thurston County, Washington 1950-1975: A Community Album* with editor Edward Echtle.

Thelma’s legacy is to transform anywhere into “the best possible place for all people, including Black folk, and other marginalized people, to open up access and opportunity of every aspect of life.”



Thelma and her daughters at Lydia Hawk Elementary School in 1979.



The Fleetwood family purchased several parcels from the Himes Family and created the Fleetwood Acres subdivision, 1923.



In 1930, Frank Trubshaw, a long-time tenant, purchased the Goose Pond property. His family lived there until 1979 when they sold it to Roger and Marilyn Holmes.

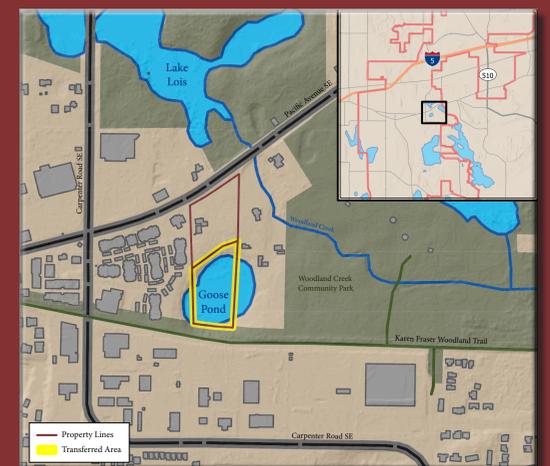
Photo courtesy of the Thurston County Assessor

Goose Pond Property



In 1991, the Jacksons purchased the 7.5-acre property from the Holmes family. They lived and raised their family in this home.

In 2013, the City of Lacey installed a groundwater recharge well to improve water quality, flow, and reservoir collection at Woodland Creek. This system introduced duckweed and changed the nutrient levels in Goose Pond.



After trying to mitigate the problem for years, in 2019, the Jacksons sold the portion of the property that includes Goose Pond to the City of Lacey to continued ecological restoration efforts.

This historic is on the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people, specifically Southern Lushootseed speakers, the Nisqually and Squaxin Island Tribes. We acknowledge, and remember not to forget, those Tribal People that were absorbed into other tribes for survival or relocated and we recognize their descendants still here today. This land is encompassed by the Treaty of Medicine Creek, signed under duress in 1854. The City of Lacey respects and affirms tribal sovereignty as it works in governmental partnership with the Nisqually and Squaxin Island Tribes.

This historic marker made possible to the City of Lacey and the Lacey Museum by a Diversity in Local History Grant from the Washington State Historical Society.





Recent Acquisitions Review
July 20, 2022
Lacey Historical Commission

According to LMC 2.4.050, the Historical Commission has the supervision, along with the Museum Curator, of accepting gifts of property for historical purposes. To that end, the listed items have been accepted by the Museum Curator for inclusion into the Lacey Museum collection subject to the review of the Commission.

Commissioners should consider the museum mission, the museum acquisitions policy, and the usefulness of the item(s) for display and research.

ACCEPTED FOR THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

2017-018 Nancy Abbott

- 4 Photographs
 - The Fleetwood Pond
 - David Fleetwood Home
 - The Hanna Family at Woodland Creek Community Park, June 21, 2011
 - Patrick Hanna with Fleetwood marker at Woodland Creek Community Park, July 7 2016
- Letter from Dorothy Hanna to Nancy Abbott about the installation of the Fleetwood marker

Relation to Mission: The Fleetwood and Hanna families (related to Fleetwoods) have important history related to early Lacey.

Relation to Collection: This will be added to the extensive Fleetwood Collections.

2022-011 Found in Collection

- 2 class photos from Lacey Elementary
 - 1970-1971, Mr. Poulson with original photo envelope
 - 1972-1973, Mrs. Gallender

Relation to Mission: Lacey Elementary is a Lacey school in North Thurston Public Schools.

Relation to Collection: We do not have these class images and they will be added to the school class photos collection.

2022-012 Lacey Timberland Library

- 5 bound volumes of the Lacey Leader 1974-1978

Relation to Mission: The Lacey Leader was Lacey's only dedicated newspaper which ran from 1968-1981.

Relation to Collection: Although we do already have these volumes in the collection, given the fragile nature of newspaper volumes, it is highly desirable to have back-up copies. These will be used by researchers and the other volumes in the collection will receive less handling which should extend their life.

FOR THE REFERENCE BOOK COLLECTION

2021-022 Charlene Krise

- Booklet, A People's History of the Seven Inlets

Relation to Mission: This is a tribe-sponsored publication written by the donor, who is the Director of the Squaxin Island Museum.

Relation to Collection: This will be added to our reference book collection.

DECLINED

Bed, belonged to General Edward Lacey, who served in the Revolutionary War

- Donor Peggy Woods
- Not related to our Lacey or our mission

**Museum Report
Lacey Historical Commission
June 2022**



Lacey Museum Visitation/Customer Service

- The museum had 23 visitors in June. The museum was closed for one week due to staffing shortages and a COVID exposure.
- Staff spent over 3 hours on customer service requests this month, mostly wrapping up existing questions. Only two requests are currently open.

Staff & Volunteers

- Carson's last day was June 8. Erin began working at the museum to oversee operations.
- Staff prepared a staff report to request a full-time museum coordinator.
- Volunteers gave **16.75** hours this month. Marcia Batchelor worked as a gallery hosts and Jim Keogh worked on the Lacey Leader project. There were a lot of COVID exposures that prevented people from coming in.
- Fulton completed his internship. His last day was June 30.

Collections, Research, Historic Properties, Publication & Registration

- Erin processed 5 potential acquisitions for Commission approval.
- Erin completed cataloguing for one acquisition and completed the prep work for another.
- Erin worked on organizing and cleaning the museum office, collections areas and supplies. As a result, 352 collection items were inventoried.
- Erin edited an article for the *Thurston County Historical Journal*. It is a follow-up to the article on Wyckoff lavender cultivation in Lacey.

Outreach, Exhibits, Marketing & Education

- Erin worked on booking speakers for the fall HistoryTalks.
- Erin worked on preparing content for the museum website.
- Erin installed a case for the 1968 exhibit. Erin worked with maintenance to install the 1968 exhibit at City Hall.

Grants

- Staff submitted the monthly grant report for the Heritage Capital Report.
- Fulton worked with Donna and stakeholder to finalize the design of the Jackson/Goose Pond marker. He worked with the vendor to get estimates. He also continued his work on the diversity collections audit.
- Erin attended 3 half days of required supervisor training.