

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers and live on Zoom

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Kimberly Goetz, Jim Keogh, and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Erich Ebel and Sarah Thirtyacre

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

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society.

An election was held for Chair pro tem in the absence of the elected Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner Black motioned to elect Commissioner Goetz as Chair pro tem. Commissioner Keogh seconded. Motion carried.

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

AGENDA

Commissioner Black made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Commissioner Keogh seconded. Motion carried.

The following item was added to the agenda:

- 8f – Disaster Recovery Framework Request

MINUTES

Commissioner Black motioned to adopt the March 16, 2022 meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Keogh seconded. Motion carried.

The March 16, 2022 minutes were approved as amended and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ms. Valcho announced free trainings are available for Commissioners of CLG through the state.
- b. Ms. Burbidge announced the City is continuing to recruit for the open Commissioner seat.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. Ms. Valcho stated the May HistoryTalks! will be the last of the season and will resume in the fall. May's topic will be on the Mount Saint Helens eruption with Steve Olson.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge reported the status of site restoration to pre-development state and the layout of the interim site. A temporary stage will be rented instead of built. The food truck plaza layout was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recent Acquisitions. Ms. Valcho reviewed the April acquisitions.

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

- b. Commissioner Terms. Due to a series of past events, Commissioner terms are no longer staggered appropriately and a proposal was presented to correct the situation. The Historical Commission will recommend the change to City Council.

Commissioner Black motioned to send the recommendation to City Council. Commissioner Keogh seconded. Motion carried.

- c. Lacey History Month and Historian of the Year Nominations. The award will be presented to the awardee at the May 5 City Council meeting. The Commission reviewed the criteria for award and discussed the nominees.

Commissioner Black motioned to select Seth Huff as the 2022 Lacey Historian of the Year. Commissioner Keogh seconded. Motion carried.

- d. Jackson/Goose Pond Interpretive Panel. Ms. Valcho stated the panel text will be sent to Commissioners for their individual feedback. The dedication is projected for June 29th with invitations to follow.
- e. Lacey Depot Grand Opening. Ms. Smith reported the status of the event planning. The date will be May 25th at 5:30 p.m. with invitations to follow.
- f. Disaster Recovery Framework Request. Ms. Burbidge requested that a volunteer from the Commission join the Thurston County Regional Planning Disaster Recovery effort. She advised meetings will take place from late April to June. Commissioner Tyler volunteered to represent the Commission.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs – On hiatus. Ms. Smith is taking over the Certified Local Government Policy Manual update.
- b. Archaeology Committee - Commissioner Black reported the committee met April 11 to review Cardno's draft report and there were no suggested changes. Ms. Burbidge added that the draft was emailed to Vice Chair Thirtyacre and Ebel and they did not have changes either. Cardno will finish the report and submit online via DAHP's WISAARD system.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Weaver reported:
 - Shirley Dziedzic, longtime Historical Commission president and former Historical Commissioner died on April 9.
 - The Gwin Hicks HistoryTalks! presentation was very informative.
 - Thurston Throwback's event status is currently unknown and presumed to be on continued hiatus.
 - The Lacey Women's Club has decided to keep their current building.

- Their October 13, 2022 meeting will be at Lacey Community Center.
- b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Valcho gave highlights from her written report.
- b. Commissioners. No report
- c. Chair. No report.
- d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director.
 - Ms. Burbidge reported on the successful launch of the new Lacey Parks, Culture & Recreation website.
 - Ms. Burbidge and Ms. Smith attended the Washington Recreation & Park Association conference in person last week.
 - Parks, Culture & Recreation is currently recruiting for two Recreation Coordinator positions.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers and live on Zoom

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