

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.