

## **LACEY PIONEER AWARD**

***Approved by the Lacey Historical Commission on April 19, 2017***

Selecting a recipient for the "Lacey Pioneer Award" is a process by which the Lacey Historical Commission can honor Lacey pioneers or their descendants, who by virtue of this familial connection have made a significant or long-lasting contribution to promote and/or preserve the history and heritage of the citizens of Lacey. This award is only given from time to time whenever the Commission feels that the award is merited.

### **1. Nomination**

- a. Nominations for the Lacey Pioneer Award may be submitted at any time.
- b. Nominations are put forward by Lacey Historical Commissioners in writing to the Commission, outlining their reasons for the nomination and how they meet the criteria outlined below.
- c. Any nominations submitted shall be added to the next regularly scheduled Lacey Historical Commission meeting agenda for consideration.
- d. A decision should be made at a subsequent meeting within 90 days of the original nomination.

### **2. Selection**

- a. The criteria for selection shall first be based on the individual's genealogical connection (by birth or adoption) to Lacey pioneers or be a Lacey pioneer in their own right.
- b. "Lacey pioneer" means either someone who was among the original settlers of what would later become the Lacey area, in 1891 or before; or someone who was instrumental in the formation of Lacey as an incorporated city in 1966.
- c. The second criteria for selection is the contribution to the promotion or preservation of Lacey's history. The contribution should be over a long period of time and/or have a lasting effect on the Lacey community.
- d. The selection shall be made by the majority vote of commissioners, provided a quorum is present.
- e. No individual shall be selected more than once.
- f. The Pioneer Award is awarded at the discretion of the Lacey Historical Commission, as frequently or infrequently as they see fit.
- g. The honoree shall not be named publicly before the presentation.

### **3. Presentation**

- a. The honoree will be recognized at a City Council meeting.

This award was inspired by Zelma Bernd, a relative of the Lacey pioneers, George Himes and Emmeline Ruddell Kilmer, who tirelessly devoted herself to the promotion of Lacey's Oregon Trail history. She was the first recipient of this award in 2015.