

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 6:00pm

*Hybrid Meeting via Zoom & City Hall*

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Emailed correspondence that is received throughout the month will be included in the next available Historical Commission packet under Correspondence.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Additions or deletions to the agenda\*
3. Introductions & Announcements
4. Minutes
  - a. Correction/Approval to the October 19, 2022 minutes\*
5. Correspondence
6. Calendar of Events
7. Old Business
  - a. New Museum Project
  - b. Lacey Depot/Food Truck Plaza
  - c. 2022 Work Plan Update\*
  - d. 2022 Accomplishments
8. New Business
  - a. Olympia Historical Society - Greg Griffith
  - b. Recent Acquisitions\*
  - c. 2023 Officer Nominations\*
  - d. 2023 Work Plan Draft
  - e. Disbanding Archaeology Committee\*

9. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
  - a. Policy/StEPs Committee – on hiatus
  - b. Archaeology Committee – on hiatus
  
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

October 19, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting via Zoom and City Hall

## **PRESENT**

Commission: Janine Bermudez, Kimberly Goetz, Jim Keogh, Tula'i Patane, Alan Tyler, and Kevin Wyckoff.

Excused: None.

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

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society.

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

## **AGENDA**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the agenda as written.

## **MINUTES**

The September 21, 2022 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Ms. Burbidge introduced Youth Commissioner Bermudez.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Ms. Quinn Valcho informed the Commission about the November History Talks! event.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge presented information on the Commission's role in the capital campaign for the New Museum & Cultural Center.
- b. Lacey Depot/Food Truck Plaza. Ms. Burbidge reported that the site is still in use, but the Depot building is closed for the season.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Commissioner Goetz motioned to accept the acquisitions. Commissioner Patane seconded. Motion carried.**

- b. Vice-Chair Election. Chair Keogh announced that Commissioner Sarah Thirtyacre had resigned. As a result, a Commissioner must be elected to fill the Vice Chair position. Commissioner Tyler volunteered.

**Commissioner Goetz motioned to nominate Commissioner Tyler. Commissioner Patane seconded. Motion carried.**

**Commissioner Wyckoff motioned to appoint Commissioner Tyler. Commissioner Patane seconded. Motion carried.**

- c. Parks, Culture & Recreation Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Burbidge explained the significance of the plan and its impact on the Commission.
  - Public Outreach Results. Ms. Smith reviewed the results of the public outreach survey with the Commission.
  - Strategic Goals. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the proposed strategic goals. Commissioners provided feedback and it will be revisited at the next meeting.
  - Timeline. Ms. Burbidge reviewed future milestones with the Commission.
- d. 2022 Workplan Review. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the 2022 workplan and any outstanding items. Ms. Quinn Valcho clarified questions from the Commissioners.
- e. 2022 Accomplishments. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the accomplishments of the Commission for the year. Commissioners provided feedback.
- f. Jackson-Goose Pond Marker Dedication Debrief. Ms. Burbidge gave a brief overview of the event and its success.
- g. Heritage Day Debrief. Chair Keogh gave a brief overview of the event and the role the Commission played.

**Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Policy/StEPs – on hiatus
- b. Archaeology Committee – on hiatus. Commissioners requested to add a future agenda item to consider dissolving this committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Lanny Weaver reported the annual meeting was postponed again and will be working on distributing the newsletter for Lacey Historical Society members.
- b. Others. None present.

**REPORTS**

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho provided highlights from her report.
- b. Commissioners. Commissioners provided updates on their current projects and additional questions for Staff.
- c. Chair. Chair Keogh provided updates on his current projects. Chair Keogh proposed a future agenda item to discuss Commission support with the Olympia Heritage Commission for a preservation effort.
- d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported on current city events and upcoming leadership changes.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, November 16 2022, 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers and online via Zoom

## Lacey Historical Commission

## WORK PLAN for 2022

Approved 11/17/21 (revised 8-17-22)

Task	Responsible Commissioner(s)	Staff Contact	Status	Target Completion date
<b>NEW LACEY MUSEUM PROJECT</b>				
1. Review & revise strategic plan for the museum.	All Commissioners	Jen Burbidge & Erin Quinn Valcho	Completed	January 2022
2. Determine the Historical Commission's role in the capital campaign.	All Commissioners	Jen Burbidge & Erin Quinn Valcho	Completed October 19	October 19, 2022
<b>LACEY MUSEUM</b>				
1. Promote the Lacey Museum to build a network of supporting patrons who love history and the museum.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		Ongoing.
2. Serve as volunteer docents and offer guided tours to visitors at the museum and during special events as needed.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		As needed.
3. Assist staff with museum programming as needed.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		As needed.
<b>LACEY DEPOT</b>				
1. Participate in the Grand Opening Event	All Commissioners	Jen Burbidge	Completed	Spring 2022
<b>MAY IS LACEY HISTORY MONTH</b>				
1. Solicit, review and approve nominations for Lacey Historian of the Year.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho	Completed	March-April 2022
2. Accept the Lacey History Month Proclamation at a City Council meeting.	Chair	Jen Burbidge	Completed	May 2022
<b>LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES</b>				
1. Update 1991 policies and procedures for the operation and guiding principles for the Historical Commission.	Ad Hoc Policy-StEPs Committee	Erin Quinn Valcho		
<b>THURSTON THROWBACK</b>				
1. Participate in development and staff a booth at the Thurston County Fairgrounds	Erich Ebel	Erin Quinn Valcho	Canceled	July 31, 2022
<b>CHAMBERS PRAIRIE CABIN</b>				
1. Continue researching the preservation opportunities and potential use of portions of the cabin in a new exhibit at the Lacey Museum at the Depot.	Volunteer: Lanny Weaver & Shirley Binkley	Erin Quinn Valcho	Completed – Lanny will present findings to Commission	
<b>GRANTS (Consider projects for the following grant funds) Next year include only grants planning to apply for.</b>				
<u>Valerie Sivinski Fund:</u>		Jennifer Burbidge	Canceled	October 2022
<u>Thurston County Heritage Grant:</u>		Erin Quinn Valcho	Continuing the Lacey Leader project.	August 31, 2022
<u>CLG Grant:</u>		Erin Quinn Valcho	Not applying in 2022.	May 2022?
<u>Nisqually Charitable Funds:</u>		Erin Quinn Valcho	Not applying in 2022.	September 30, 2022
<u>BNSF Grant:</u>		Jen Burbidge	Not applying in 2022.	
<u>Capital Heritage Projects Grant:</u>	All Commissioners	Jen Burbidge & Erin Quinn Valcho	Not applying in 2022.	
<u>William G. Pomeroy Foundation, National Register Signage Program</u>		Erin Quinn Valcho	Signage at the pioneer cemetery. Not applying in 2022.	
<b>HISTORIC PROPERTIES</b>				
1. Identify at least two properties from the historic property inventory that could be added to the Lacey Historic Register.			Could require budget request.	
<b>COMMISSION &amp; TRIBAL RELATIONS</b>				
1. Attend a Nisqually Tribal Council meeting	Erich Ebel, Sarah Thirtyacre	Erin Quinn Valcho		

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2. Attend a tribal community event (Nisqually or Squaxin Island)	Erich Ebel, Alan Tyler	Erin Quinn Valcho		
<b>RAC KIOSK</b>				
1. Work with the Thurston County Historical Commission to develop an interpretive kiosk at the Regional Athletic Complex.	Jim Keogh	Erin Quinn Valcho	In progress	2023
<b>2023 PARKS, CULTURE &amp; RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE</b>				
1. Participate in the development of the 2023 update as it relates to the museum and historic preservation.	All Commissioners	Jennifer Burbidge	In progress	2023

## 2022 Key Accomplishments & Noteworthy Achievements City of Lacey Historical Commission

Approved by the Historical Commission on xxx  
Items in red still need data to be added.

### KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

#### New Lacey Museum Project

- Phase 3 of the project, which began in December 2021, was completed in June 2022. The warehouse building was removed and the site is now prepped and ready for construction.
- A No Further Action Likely notice was received from the Department of Ecology; a No Further Action notice should be issued soon.
- The cultural resources survey at the museum site was completed by Cardno. Their final report was carefully reviewed and edited by the LHC Archaeology Committee before submission to the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Multiple artifacts were recorded that indicated historic-period resources but it was determined that the area does not retain historic integrity because the material was found in a highly disturbed context. The Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation agreed with this finding, which allowed work to proceed.

#### Lacey Depot

- The Lacey Depot and Playground Grand Opening took place on May 25.
- The Lacey Food Truck plaza continued to be hosted at the Depot site. Tensile structure shades were installed for picnic areas.
- Lacey Depot rentals provided \$3,800 in revenue this year, which is almost triple the amount from 2021.

#### Lacey History Month

- Lacey History Month was celebrated in May with a proclamation at the May 5<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.
- The Commission awarded former Commissioner Seth Huff the 2022 Historian of the Year award.

#### Lacey Museum

COVID finally began to recede this year and the museum was open all year. However, staffing challenges affected operations and created a situation where the museum had to be closed on occasion.

- The museum had 366 walk-ins, 50 people on tours, 8 people at in-person programs and 502 participants in virtual programs for a total of 926 attendees. This continues an upward trend in attendance since 2013.
- The History Talks! Speaker Series had 325 participants in 2022. Programs remained virtual until October when the first hybrid program was presented. The museum contracted with Pretty Gritty Tours for a virtual tour of the Ruddell Pioneer Cemetery. There were 185 live viewers and nearly 2,000 post-event views.

- **16** new acquisitions were reviewed and approved by the Commission. This represents approximately **200** new items.
- **5** volunteers gave **467.5** hours to the museum which is lower than pre-pandemic levels, partly because staffing challenges have made recruitment difficult and there continue to be exposures to staff and volunteers.
- Work continued on cataloguing the museum's collections into the database. **119** records were entered. This is a low number, although higher than last year, mostly because only one volunteer, Commissioner Jim Keogh, was working on this and staff time was devoted to digitization of the Lacey Leader collection rather than entering new records. It continues to be challenging for staff to keep up with the cataloguing backlog.
- Staff spent **100** hours (or **12** days) filling **37** customer service requests. Service requests are picking back up, but the number of requests continues to be lower than pre-pandemic levels.
- The Commission reviewed, updated and approved the 10-year strategic plan for the museum.
- The new museum website was launched on April 1.

### **Grants**

- The City was awarded a \$5,000 Thurston County Heritage grant to continue work on cataloguing the Lacey Leader negative collection. **To date 3,317 records (representing 12,469 strips and 53,846 images) have been entered for this project. Cataloguing is 95% complete. Digitization continues and so far 9,033 images have been scanned and 7,361 attached to the database Digitization is 15% complete.** Due to staffing shortages, the project for 2022 has been extended, so the City will not be eligible to apply for 2023.
- The City completed work for the \$608,000 Heritage Capital Projects Grant from the Washington State Historical Society.

### **Historic Properties**

- The Bowker House renovation was completed.

### **RAC Interpretive kiosk** (in partnership with Thurston County Historic Commission)

- Commissioner Keogh represented the Historic Commission on the project. He wrote text for **xx** panels. **(Jim will provide?)**

### **Other accomplishments not on the 2021 Work Plan**

- Commissioners Ed Holm, Tula'i Patane, Kevin Wyckoff, and Youth Representative Janine Bermudez joined the Commission. The Commission said goodbye to long-time Chair Erich Ebel and Commissioners David Black and Sarah Thirtyacre.
- Commissioner term expiration dates were updated so that expiration years would be appropriately staggered.



- The LHC reviewed the design and text for the Jackson – Goose Pond Historic Marker. The dedication for the marker was held October 4, with Commissioner Keogh representing the Commission.
- Commissioner Keogh represented the Commission and the Museum at Heritage Day hosted by the Thurston County Historical Commission on October 8.

**KGY, Port of Olympia at odds again over radio - Olympian, The (WA) - September 25, 2022 - page 7A**

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**KGY** radio and the **Port of Olympia** are again at odds over the building the station has occupied since 1960 on the very north end of the port peninsula.

Earlier this year, **KGY** entertained a possible sale of the building to a Tumwater business called Glacier Aviation that wanted to turn it into a possible bar and restaurant, including helicopter flights in and out.

That idea didn't advance, **KGY** radio general manager Nick Kerry said. There was an "overall unwillingness to continue the conversation from the port's perspective," Kerry told The Olympian in April.

Now, the property, considered to be of historical significance, has been nominated for inclusion on the Olympia Heritage Register. The idea has the support of Kerry and members of the city's Heritage Commission, but the port opposes it.

"At this time, the **Port of Olympia** cannot support the nomination of the **KGY** radio building to the local heritage registration and does not consent to such," said Allyn Roe, business development and real estate director for the port, in an email to the commission on Sept. 16.

"We feel it would be appropriate to discuss the nomination process after the lease expiration and during future planning efforts," Roe added.

The lease between **KGY** and the port expires at the end of 2024.

Roe writes that the ordinance that governs historic properties "would be considered an encumbrance on the property of which **KGY** has no right to approve and would place them in conflict with the terms of their lease."

The Olympian could not reach a port official on Friday to further explain the opposition.

The details of the nomination and Roe's email emerged during a Sept. 21 meeting of the Olympia Heritage Commission at City Hall. A port representative did not attend the meeting.

The **KGY** building was nominated by Greg Griffith, director of the Olympia Historical Society/Bigelow House Museum, with support from **KGY** general manager Kerry, according to meeting agenda materials. A subcommittee of the Heritage Commission visited the building in July and took a tour.

"The **Port of Olympia** was invited but did not attend," the agenda materials read.

Committee members came away from the tour feeling the building meets the conditions for inclusion on the heritage register. Among the criteria it met: (The building) "embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction."

Heritage Commission Chairwoman Holly Davies was enthusiastic about the nomination.

"I can't say enough good things about the building," she said. "It's a fabulous building and it's still being used for its original purpose, inside and outside. All of the parts are there."

The Sept. 21 meeting was originally supposed to be a public hearing and a vote on whether to approve the nomination for the register, but after the email from the port, the meeting resulted in only a discussion about the nomination. A date for a hearing and vote is still to be determined, said Marygrace Goddu, Historic Preservation Officer.

Kerry spoke during the meeting and expressed disappointment in the port's 11th-hour email, "despite our best efforts to provide a significant amount of lead time and discuss the idea and process with our landlord."

He disagrees with the port's idea of addressing the nomination after the lease expires, saying he fears that if the lease is not renewed with the radio station, it puts the building at risk of being demolished. At the same time, Kerry said he has seen the building included in the port's "destination waterfront" plans.

"I'm a bit baffled as to why they don't have a positive feeling at this point about this process, but I think we should have a discussion with them and influence them to reconsider," Kerry said.

Historic Preservation Officer Goddu said the local register has more "teeth" to it than state and national registers. It largely regulates the exterior of buildings, making sure they remain intact without major alterations, although the local register does allow for paint color changes and solar panels, she said.

If the Heritage Commission voted to approve the nomination, but the port still opposed it, it would then come before the Olympia City Council, Goddu said. If the building was ultimately put on the register and there was a desire to demolish it, that demolition permit would still need to be approved, and the Heritage Commission would make a recommendation on whether to approve it to a city building official.

If the city denied the demolition permit, it could be appealed to the city's Hearings Examiner, Goddu said.

But before any of that happens, the commission and port need to talk, she said.

After the tour of the building in July, the subcommittee made a recommendation to the commission and a letter was sent to the port's executive director, but the commission didn't hear anything until Sept. 16.

"All of the sudden it hit their radar," Goddu said, adding they have yet to have an in-person meeting with the port.

"The first step is to talk to them," she said.

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Port of Olympia Commissioner Joe Downing casts doubt on future of KGY - Olympian, The: Web Edition Articles (WA) - September 27, 2022  
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Fans of the KGY radio station building, a mid-century modern structure that has been perched on the north end of the port peninsula since 1960, are not going to like this story.

That's because Port of Olympia Commissioner Joe Downing dropped a bomb at Monday's commission meeting, casting doubt on the future of the building.

During commissioner reports near the end of the meeting, Downing whipped out his smartphone to read from prepared remarks about the building.

Although he didn't cite the inspiration for his prepared statement, he likely was referring to a story that appeared in The Olympian over the weekend about a nomination to list the structure on the Olympia Heritage Register. That nomination has won the support of the city's Heritage Commission and Nick Kerry, KGY's general manager.

"I would like to go on record with my thoughts about the KGY building," Downing said. "Lately, there have been questions about the future of the building."

He went on to say that the port is in the middle of the "people's expressed interest in Destination Waterfront, our peninsula plan."

"Preserving the building has not come up in this plan," he said. "For one thing, having a radio station on the peninsula has nothing to do with the public use of the peninsula. For another, the building is over the water and is supported by creosote pilings. Both of these facts would make the Department of Natural Resources interested in removing the building."

He went on to say that "it is time for a more environmentally friendly use of that parcel. I look forward to future community conversations about how to utilize that site."

Commissioners Bob Iyall and Amy Evans Harding did not comment on the KGY building.

The Olympian reached KGY General Manager Kerry for comment Tuesday morning.

"It's quite shocking to hear that perspective," said Kerry, who went on to refute many of Downing's talking points.

He said the station and its unique location often attract visitors to the area, plus Kerry, who was invited to participate in the Destination Waterfront process, added that he has seen a presentation where KGY is identified in that plan.

There also has been talk of creating a museum/cultural center in the area, which he feels KGY could be part of, and there's been a proposal for a larger over-the-water development.

As for creosote pilings, you can find them throughout the port's waterfront properties, Kerry said.

"That's a strange point to make as well," he said.

Although Kerry and the Heritage Commission support the building's nomination to the local register, the port does not, according to an email the Heritage Commission received on Sept. 16.

"At this time, the Port of Olympia cannot support the nomination of the KGY radio building to the local heritage registration and does not consent to such," said Allyn Roe, business development and real estate director for the port, in the email.

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IMG\_2948.JPG Port of Olympia Commissioner Joe Downing reads his prepared remarks about the KGY radio station building during Monday's commission meeting.





**Recent Acquisitions Review**  
**November 21, 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

**2022-016 Russ Hagen**

- Door handles from the Sears building

*Relation to Mission:* These pieces of mid-century architectural hardware relate to the opening of South Sound Shopping Center in 1966, which is closely tied to Lacey's incorporation.

*Relation to Collection:* The museum has very few physical artifacts related to the shopping mall or incorporation. This is a rare addition to the collection.

**2022-017 City of Lacey**

- 2 small photo albums, Alternative Fuel Fair

*Relation to Mission:* This event was a City of Lacey Parks & Recreation event that later turned into the STEM fair.

*Relation to Collection:* This will be added to our collection of City events photographs.

DECLINED

Farm tools without local provenance

Player piano without local provenance

Lacey Historical Commission  
WORK PLAN for 2023

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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**Museum Report  
Lacey Historical Commission  
October 2022**



### **Lacey Museum Visitation/Customer Service**

- The museum had **27** visitors in October. This is much lower attendance than usual.
- Staff spent **over 26 hours** on customer service requests this month, which is the most time spent on these during a month in over two years.

### **Staff & Volunteers**

- Erin continued to work at the museum to cover museum operations.
- Volunteers gave **37.25** hours this month. Marcia Batchelor and Scott Cole worked as a gallery hosts. Jim Keogh worked on the Lacey Leader project.
- Madison Lerud continued her work on the Thurston County Heritage Grant project.
- Scott and Madison assisted with prep for the next exhibit.

### **Collections, Research, Historic Properties, Publication & Registration**

- Erin processed 2 potential acquisitions for Commission approval.
- Erin continued research and writing on an article for the *Thurston County Historical Journal* on Gwinwood and Gwin Hicks.
- Erin spent a considerable amount of time preparing for and training Madison in photo processing, uploading photos to the database and scanning.

### **Outreach, Exhibits, Marketing & Education**

- The second History Talk of the season was with Karen Johnson who discussed the fascinating life of Susie Lewis. This was the first museum program in a hybrid format and there were 8 in-person and 23 virtual participants.
- Erin continued to work on the 2022-23 History Talks! season which included corresponding with speakers, preparing contracts, updating the website and developing marketing information.
- Erin wrote and sent out the October newsletter.
- Erin prepared for the next exhibit by reading the handbook and ordering panels to print.
- The dedication for the Jackson-Goose Pond marker was held October 4<sup>th</sup> and was a terrific success with about 75 people attending.