

MINUTES OF LACEY COMMISSION ON EQUITY
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023
In Person & Remote

EQUITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Cliff Brown, Vice Chair Annie Clay, Thelma Jackson, Kristine Stolberg, Jon Hegwood, Makieda Hart, Kim Sauer

EQUITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Alanis Blackburn

COUNCIL PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager (ACM); Jeannette Sieler, Parks, Culture and Recreation Supervisor II; Sue Falash, Parks, Culture and Recreation Manager

RECORDING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=WlhMRe7q2Kg>

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
- Meeting Minutes from March 27, 2023
- Meeting Minutes from the Joint meeting with the Parks, Culture and Recreation Board from January 25, 2023

COMMISSIONER JACKSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, CONSENT AGENDA, MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2023, AND MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE PARKS, CULTURE AND RECREATION BOARD ON JANUARY 25, 2023. VICE CHAIR CLAY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Virtual – No Public Comment

In-person – No Public Comment

Written Public Comments - The deadline to submit written public comments was 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Written comments are not addressed during the meeting; however, they are added to the official record. There were three (3) written public comments.

3. INSPIRATIONAL ITEM:

Commissioner Hart provided inspirational quotes from Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, George Foreman, and Albert Hubbard focused on not giving up.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Parks, Culture and Recreation Events Overview

Jeannette Sieler, Parks, Culture and Recreation Supervisor II provided an overview of the following annual Parks, Culture and Recreation Department events:

- Lacey Loves to Read – February
- Lacey Cultural Celebration – March
- Lacey Family Fish In – April
- Lacey Spring Fun Fair – May
- Lacey Fireworks Spectacular – July
- Lacey in Tune Series – Throughout the Summer
- Play in the Parks Series – Throughout the Summer
- Lacey Children's Day – October
- Lacey Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony – December

B. Advisory Board Stipend Program

ACM Kelley-Fong provided an update on the Advisory Board Stipend Program. This program was previously discussed at the [January 23, 2023](#), Commission on Equity meeting. ACM Kelley-Fong provided an update on the information received from other City advisory bodies, including the Planning Commission, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Board, Historical Board, and Lacey Youth Council. Discussion ensued.

CHAIR BROWN MOVED TO FORWARD THE COMMISSION ON EQUITY'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE ADVISORY BOARD STIPEND PROGRAM TO THE CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER JACKSON SECOND. MOTION CARRIED.

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

A. Juneteenth Event

Chair Brown and Commissioner Hart provided an update on the Juneteenth event planning meeting with the Fred U. Harris Lodge. The meeting included discussion surrounding communication efforts, potential invitees, information booths, volunteers, and live performances.

B. LGBTQIA+ Community Forum

Vice Chair Clay provided an update on the LGBTQIA+ Community Forum. Updates included potential dates, potential venues, communication efforts, and collaboration efforts.

5. DIRECTOR REPORT:

A. Community Forum and Community Engagement Follow-up

ACM Kelley-Fong provide potential next steps to the Community Forum and Community Engagement based off community feedback from the Black and African-American Community Forum that was held on March 21, 2023. Previous engagement session feedback was categorized into common themes and can be viewed on in past COE agenda packets and website.

Chair Brown requested the City look in to transportation options for Seniors to attend the Juneteenth Event. Chair Brown also discussed a BIPOC Directory for the community. Commissioner Hart mentioned the South Sound BIPOC Business Directory. Discussion ensued.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.