

**MINUTES OF LACEY COMMISSION ON EQUITY**  
**MONDAY, MAY 22, 2023**  
**In Person & Remote**

**EQUITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chair Cliff Brown, Thelma Jackson, Kristine Stolberg, Jon Hegwood, Kim Sauer, Alanis Blackburn

**EQUITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Vice Chair Annie Clay, Makieda Hart

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager (ACM); Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director, Grant Beck, Community and Economic Development Planning and Development Services Manager, Ryan Andrews, Community and Economic Development Planning Manager

**RECORDING:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kq8foyN82X4>

**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 the joint meeting with Lacey Youth Council on March 15, 2022
- Meeting Minutes from the joint meeting with the Parks Board of Commissioners on November 14, 2022
- Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2023

COMMISSIONER JACKSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA.  
COMMISSIONER SAUER 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 no written public comments.

**3. INSPIRATIONAL ITEM:**

Chair Brown provided inspirational quotes for this graduation season, including quotes from Ella Fitzgerald and former President Barack Obama.

#### **4. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

##### **A. Parks, Culture and Recreation Events Overview**

Jen Burbidge Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director provided an update to the Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

COMMISSIONER BLACKBURN MOVED TO APPROVE THE LACEY, PARKS, CULTURE, AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PAN UPDATES RELATED TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION. CHAIR BROWN SECOND. MOTION CARRIED.

##### **B. Sign Code Discussion**

Ryan Andrews, Community and Economic Development Planning Manager, and Grant Beck, Community and Economic Development Planning and Development Services Manager, presented information related to sign codes, including Supreme Court rulings and the Lacey Municipal Code. Discussion ensued.

#### **5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

##### **A. Juneteenth Event**

Chair Brown provided an update on the 42<sup>nd</sup> Juneteenth Celebration planning meeting with the Fred U. Harris Masonic Lodge. The meeting included discussion on event layout, program, performances, and vendors.

##### **B. Thurston County League of Women's Voters Equity Panel Update**

Chair Brown and Commissioner Jackson provided an update on the Thurston County League of Women's Voters Equity Panel. Chair Brown, Commissioner Jackson, and ACM Kelley-Fong were panelists for the event.

#### **6. DIRECTOR REPORT:**

##### **A. LGBTQIA+ Community Forum Update**

ACM Kelley-Fong provided an update on the LGBTQIA+ Community Forum. Updates included potential dates, venue location, and collaboration efforts. Discussion ensued.

##### **B. Equity Presentation at the Joint Lacey City Council and North Thurston Public School Board Meeting**

ACM Kelley-Fong provided an update on the Equity Presentation provided at the Joint Lacey City Council and North Thurston Public School Board Meeting held on May 16, 2023. Discussion ensued.

#### **7. ADJOURN**

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.