

MINUTES OF LACEY COMMISSION ON EQUITY
Monday, June 26, 2023
In Person & Remote

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

EQUITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Kim Sauer

COUNCIL PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager (ACM); Kelly Adams, Special Projects Administrator, Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator, Felicia Rova-Chamroeun, Museum Coordinator

RECORDING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XoBhVyXwOA>

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
- Meeting Minutes from the meeting on May 22, 2023

COMMISSIONER JACKSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA. VICE CHAIR CLAY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Virtual – No Public Comment

In-person – 1 in Person 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 5 written public comments via email.

3. INSPIRATIONAL ITEM:

Commissioner Kristine Stolberg provided information from an article from the University of Washington about LGBTQIA+ scientists advancing public health and medicine.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Timberland Library Equity Efforts

Holly Paxton, Lacey Timberland Library Manager provided a presentation on the Timberland Library Equity Efforts. The presentation included an overview of 2020-2024 Strategic Direction, staff resources, programs, services, and online resources. Discussion Ensued.

B. Public Meeting Portal Overview

Kelly Adams, Special Projects Administrator provided a presentation on the new public meeting system, CivicClerk. Discussion Ensued.

C. Oral History Project

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator and Felicia Rova-Chamroeun, Museum Coordinator provided a presentation on the Stories of the South Sound Oral History Project. The project will collect oral histories in audio, video, or transcribed format to showcase the experiences of local communities. The project aims to help address the gaps in the Lacey Museum's collection regarding historically unrepresented voices.

D. Land Acknowledgment Policy

ACM Kelley-Fong presented a draft City of Lacey Land Acknowledgement Policy. Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER JACKSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POLICY AND TO FORWARD TO THE FULL LACEY CITY COUNCIL. COMMISSIONER HART SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

5. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

A. Juneteenth Celebration Overview

Chair Brown and Commissioner Hart provided an overview of the the Juneteenth event and the successful partnership with the Fred U. Harris Lodge PHA #70.

B. LGBTQIA+ Community Forum Update

Vice Chair Clay provided an update for the LGBTQIA+ Community Forum that will be held on July 12, 2023 at the Lacey Timberland Library at 6:30 p.m.

C. Meeting with Dr. Sandifer at North Thurston School District

Chair Brown and ACM Shannon Kelley-Fong meet with Dr. Sandifer, North Thurston Public Schools Director of Equity and Language, to discuss North Thurston Public Schools' communications, processes, and policies. Discussion ensued.

6. DIRECTOR REPORT:

A. Advisory Board Stipend Program Update

ACM Shannon Kelley-Fong provided an update on the presentation to the Community Relations and Public Affairs Committee about the advisory board stipend program was. The full Lacey City Council is anticipated to consider the item in late July.

B. Land Acknowledgement Policy Update

ACM Shannon Kelley-Fong advised the Draft Land Acknowledgement Policy will be presented to the Community Relations and Public Affairs Committee in July.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.