

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting via Zoom and Lacey City Hall

PRESENT

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

Excused: Kimberly Goetz.

Unexcused: None.

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

Public: None.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Jim Keogh.

AGENDA

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Item 8b May Meeting Discussion.

MINUTES

The March 15, 2023 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Burbidge announced the following events:

- Ken Balsley's Celebration of Life, April 24, 4 p.m., Saint Martin's University.
- Lacey City Council Meeting, May 4, 6 p.m., Lacey History Month and announcement of the Ken Balsley Historian of the Year Award recipient. Ken Balsley will also be awarded the Spirit of Lacey Award.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Keogh confirmed correspondence was received.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Quinn Valcho reported the last HistoryTalk of the season will take place on May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. about the History of the Lacey Historical Society.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge advised no updates at this time.
- b. Lacey Depot/Food Truck Plaza. Ms. Burbidge provided the following updates:
 - Lacey Depot is open as of April 1, 2023.
 - There will be a market event on April 23, 2023 put on by a contractor that the Community and Economic Development Department hired.

- c. Ken Balsley Historian of the Year*. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the one nomination form that was received for Dr. Thelma Jackson and verified the due date for submission.

Commissioner Tyler made a motion to accept the nomination.

Commissioner Patane seconded. Motion carried.

- d. McKinney House. Ms. Burbidge shared a plan is needed for preservation and use. First step is submitting a 2024 budget request for in depth site assessment, wetland delineation and potential for development of the site. The 2013 Saint Martin's University School of Engineering project that was completed about the site was shared and reviewed for informational purposes.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. LPCR Comprehensive Plan Update*. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the comprehensive plan updates made to the cultural and historical sections of the plan.

Commissioner Holm made a motion to approve the updates. Commissioner Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

- b. May Meeting Discussion* Ms. Burbidge advised key staff are unable to attend the meeting. Commissioners discussed whether to hold a May meeting.

Chair Keogh made a motion to cancel the May meeting. Commissioner Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs – On hiatus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. None present.
b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho provided highlights from her written report.
b. Commissioners. Commissioner Patane reported the 3rd annual Lacey PolyFest is being held at the RAC. Commissioner Patane requested a utility cover art piece focused on the Polynesian Association of Thurston County. Ms. Quinn Valcho will pass the request to the Commission on Equity.
c. Chair. Chair Keogh reported the following:
 - Future agenda items to be discussed include former Lacey racetrack status, tribal relations and connections, and historic landmarks status.
 - Wants to facilitate more in-person collaboration and tours.
 - Requested Commissioners turn on cameras when voting or discussing motions at future meetings.

d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported the following:

 - The City Manager recruitment is still ongoing. Interim City Manager Rick Walk will continue in his role until further notice.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m. hybrid meeting via Zoom and City Hall.