

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 21, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting via Zoom and City Hall

PRESENT

Commission: Kimberly Goetz, Jon Halvorson, Ed Holm, Jim Keogh, Tula'i Patane, Alan Tyler, and Kevin Wyckoff.

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

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The April 19, 2023 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ms. Quinn Valcho introduced new commissioner Jon Halvorson.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared tabletop activities will be at the museum all summer, changing each month.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge advised a funding committee is being formed. A No Further Action letter was received from the Department of Ecology.
- b. Lacey Depot/Food Truck Plaza. Ms. Burbidge reported the food truck plaza is still operating for the summer and Love Local markets are being held the 1st Friday and 4th Sunday of the month, June 25th and July 7th are the next markets. New, more sturdy picnic tables have been added for outdoor seating.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Oral History Project. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented the project, potential grant funding and timeline for this project.
- b. Jacob Smith House Roofing Project. Ms. Quinn Valcho gave an overview of the property history, presented the proposal and staff recommendation to replace the roof with a replacement material in lieu of cedar shake shingles. Commissioners discussed. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that she discovered through research that the property is not technically on the local register as previously thought because it was never approved by City Council. Chair Keogh requested this item be moved to a future agenda.

Commissioner Halvorson moved that the Commission approve the staff recommendation to use a replacement polymer material for the shingles. Commissioner Goetz seconded.

After discussion, Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to amend the original motion with the condition that the Commission receives satisfactory answers to its questions about cost difference, fire safety, load-bearing weight and the viewing of a sample. Motion to amend and approve the motion carried.

Commissioner Halvorson made a motion add the nomination of the Jacob Smith House to the Lacey Historic Register to the July meeting agenda. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

- c. Lacey Historical Society Donations. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared that LHS donated \$5,000 for a historical marker at the Jacob Smith House and \$50,000 for museum exhibits, programs, or preservation. She explained the change of leadership and read a letter from the outgoing board. Ms. Burbidge requested the chair sign a thank you letter at the July meeting.
- d. RAC Kiosk Project. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and Thurston County and requested approval of the agreement.

Commissioner Wyckoff made a motion to approve the MOU as written. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner Holm made a motion to accept the acquisitions as proposed. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs – On hiatus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

- Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared highlights from her report.
- Commissioners. Commissioner Patane announced Polyfest is June 24th.
- Chair. Chair Keogh provided an update on the Lacey Leader photo project.
- Parks, Culture & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge announced:
 - City Clerk Peri Edwards is retiring after 17 years of service for the City.
 - i. The City is switching public meetings platform, so the commission can expect some changes coming up and training will be provided.

- ii. 2023 LPCR Comprehensive Plan went to Planning Commission yesterday June 20 for their first review, and will go to City Council worksession on July 13 for their first review.
- iii. Juneteenth event took place on June 17 at the Regional Athletic Complex.
- iv. 3rd of July event is coming up on July 3 at Rainier Vista Park.
- v. Many summer concerts, programs and events can be found at LaceyParks.org.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 6:00 p.m. remote meeting via Zoom