



City of Lacey, Washington Historical Commission Minutes

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

Commissioners Present:

Kimberly Goetz, Jon Halvorson, Tula'i Patane, and Kevin Wyckoff.

Commissioners Absent:

Janine Bermudez, Ed Holm, Jim Keogh, and Alan Tyler.

Staff Present:

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator and Sarah Smith, Executive Assistant.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Wyckoff at 6:01 p.m.

1. Addition or deletions to the agenda

Commissioner Goetz moved to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.

2. Announcements and Introductions

Ms. Quinn Valcho announced:

- The Museum was awarded a \$15,000 Diversity in Local History grant for an intern to assist with the Stories of the South Sound oral history project.

3. Minutes:

A. Correction/Approval to the June 21, 2023 minutes

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.



4. Correspondence:

A. Letter to Lacey Historical Society

- The commission reviewed the letter thanking the Historical Society for their museum donations. Chair Keogh will sign when he gets back.

5. Calendar of Events:

July, Make Your Own Biplane! Lacey Museum

6. Old Business:

A. New Museum Project

Director Burbidge has set up a bi-monthly stakeholder committee to focus on funding strategy for the new Museum & Cultural Center. Committee members will include City staff: Jen Burbidge, Erin Quinn Valcho, and Assistant City Manager Shannon Kelley-Fong; and Historical Commissioners: Jim Keogh and Jon Halvorson. Representatives will also be included from the Lacey Historical Society, Lacey Community Foundation, and the PARC Foundation of Thurston County.

Commissioner Halvorson recommended the addition of a Nisqually Tribe representative. The first meeting will be Friday, August 4 at 2:30 p.m. at City Hall or via Zoom.

B. Lacey Depot/Food Truck Plaza

The concrete foundation has been installed for the informational kiosk. Signage design is in progress.

Ms. Quinn Valcho reported on site events and activities at the site including:

- Depot rentals
- First Fridays and 4th Sundays markets and entertainment (upcoming dates July 23 and August 11)
- Play in the Parks August 10 at 2pm

C. Jacob Smith House

Ms. Quinn Valcho reported the initial estimate is coming in way higher than anticipated (at least 50% higher). Staff will be meeting with the City's Capital Projects team this week to determine the next steps. Discussion ensued. The Commission looks forward to more information.

D. RAC Kiosk Project

Thurston County Historical Commission discussed the MOU at their last meeting.



7. New Business:

A. Work Plan Update

Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the 2023 Work Plan and commissioners provided their input.

- Commissioners requested a museum tour or a Commission meeting held at the museum.
- Commissioner Halvorson requested a visual of the proposed kiosk.

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve the changes. Commissioner Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.

8. Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

A. Policy/STEPs Committee

No report. On hiatus.

9. Public Comment:

None.

10. Reports:

A. Museum/Curator

Ms. Quinn Valcho gave highlights from the written report.

B. Commissioners

No report.

C. Chair

No report.

D. Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director

Ms. Quinn Valcho gave the Director's report:

- 2024 Budget Requests are due at the end of July. Two were highlighted: McKinney House parcel assessment and wetland delineation report and historic preservation consultant requests.
- 2023 LPCR Comprehensive Plan was approved by Planning Commission on July 18 and the City Council review was rescheduled to their August 10 worksession.
- 3rd of July event took place at Rainier Vista Park with an estimated 25,000+ people in attendance.
- As of July 10, Jenny Wilson has moved from her Recreation Supervisor position in the department to the new Senior Parks Planner position. Jenny has been with Lacey Parks for 21 years and was most recently overseeing



Aquatics and Volunteer programs.

- Rick Walk was approved and named City Manager by City Council at their July 6, 2023 meeting. He has been Interim City Manager since December of 2022.

11. Adjourn

Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

