



City of Lacey, Washington
Historical Commission Minutes
Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - Council Chambers and Online

Call to Order

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Jim Keogh, Vice Chair Kevin Wyckoff (arrived at 6:08 p.m.), Kimberly Goetz (arrived at 6:01 p.m.), Jon Halvorson, Ed Holm, Tula'i Patane, and Alan Tyler.

Commissioners Absent (Unexcused): Anthony Santiago.

Staff Present: Kelly Adams, Special Projects Administrator; Jennifer Burbidge, Parks, Culture & Recreation Director; Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk; and Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner.

Public Present: John Dziedzic, Tumwater resident; and Cheryl Malkmus, Lacey resident.

1. Land Acknowledgement:

Chair Keogh read the land acknowledgment.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

A. Approval of Amended Agenda

Chair Keogh requested to add item 4G Land Acknowledgment Reading Rotation.

Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of November 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Tyler made a motion to approve the November 15, 2023 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

John Dziedzic, former secretary and trustee of the Lacey Historical Society, presented a request from the Society to recognize the significance of the Popkes Subdivision and Selma Street by 1) designating Selma Street as a memorial roadway, 2) installing a historic street sign for Selma Avenue, and 3) adding a tree to the historical tree register. The request was added to the public record. Cheryl Malkmus shared the history of the street, related people and nearby tree. Ms. Burbidge acknowledged the request and noted that staff will look into it.

There were no written public comments.

4. Business Items:

A. 2024 Historical Commission Meeting Schedule

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Director Burbidge shared the 2024 meeting schedule. She confirmed that the March worksession noted in the November minutes is now scheduled for January 23, 2024 as indicated on the meeting schedule.

B. Joint City Council-Historical Commission Worksession Update

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Director Burbidge shared information about the new format for the joint worksession with Council. There will be a short presentation on the Historical Commission's 2023 accomplishments and 2024 work plan.

C. Historical Street Sign Policy

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Director Burbidge summarized the Historical Street Sign Policy and its purpose to recognize original street names.

D. Recent Acquisitions

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Director Burbidge presented the recent acquisitions.



Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to accept the acquisitions as presented. Commissioner Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

E. City Email Addresses and Advisory Board Stipend Program

Kelly Adams, Special Projects Administrator and Elissa Fontaine, City Clerk

Adams and Fontaine presented the new advisory board member updates including: City-issued email addresses, the CivicClerk board portal, the stipend program, a demographic survey, and the support available to commissioners.

F. 2023 Work Plan and Accomplishments

Jennifer Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Director Burbidge presented the final draft of the 2023 accomplishments and work plan update.

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to approve the 2023 accomplishments and work plan update. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

G. Land Acknowledgement Reading Rotation

Jim Keogh, Chair

Commissioners will take turns reading the land acknowledgment in alphabetical order by surname.

5. Reports:

A. Lacey Historical Society

John Dziedzic reported:

- The next newsletter will be coming out in February.
- The Society is developing a website page and improving their social media presence.

B. Policy StEPs Committee

No report.

C. Commissioners

Commissioner Tyler thanked the meeting guests for their presentation on Selma Street. Commissioner Halvorson thanked the staff and Chair Keogh for their work.



D. Chair

Chair Keogh shared that the Lacey Leader collection cataloging is almost finished, and he will begin scanning negatives next. The interpretive kiosk at the Regional Athletic Complex is continuing and the design work is in progress.

E. Museum Curator

Director Burbidge shared:

- January 10th *HistoryTalk! Inside the Lacey City Council of the 1970s* with Karen Fraser had 52 participants.
- Museum staff connected with community members for *Stories of the South Sound* to go over the project and story collecting process.
- February's Creativity Corner at the museum celebrates Lunar New Year with a dragon craft.

F. Director

Director Burbidge shared:

- Former Lacey Mayor William A. Bush passed away on December 21. Commissioner Halvorson expressed the Bush family's thanks to museum staff for photos of Mayor Bush during his time at the City.
- The Ken Balsley memorial bench was installed at Civic Plaza. The dedication ceremony scheduled for January 18, 2024 was cancelled due to inclement weather and will be rescheduled.
- The 2024 budget was approved at the December 21 City Council meeting.
- City Council meetings will now be on Tuesday and Council committees will not continue.
- There are three new staff members in our department: Sports & Fitness Coordinator, Aquatics & Volunteer Supervisor, and Executive Assistant (EA). Carter Gibson, the new EA, will be starting Monday, January 22 and will be working closely with the Commission.

6. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

