

**MINUTES OF LACEY COMMISSION ON EQUITY,
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023
In Person & Remote**

EQUITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Chair Annie Clay, Thelma Jackson, Kim Sauer, Makieda Hart, Kristine Stolberg

EQUITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Chair Cliff Brown, Jon Hegwood, Alanis Blackburn

COUNCIL PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager (ACM), Jen Burbidge, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation, Erin Quinn-Valcho, Museum Curator

RECORDING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXxm0wrfulk>

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Clay 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 January 23, 2023

AGENDA AMENDMENT: COMMISSIONER JACKSON WILL BE PROVIDING INSPIRATIONAL ITEM FOR YOUTH COMMISSIONER BLACKBURN

COMMISSIONER JACKSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AGENDA AND JANUARY 23, 2023 MEETING MINUTES. COMMISSIONER SAUER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Virtual – No Public Comment

In-person – No 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. No written public comments were received.

3. INSPIRATIONAL ITEM:

Commissioner Jackson read a poem written by Commissioner Blackburn. Commissioner Hart volunteered to provide the Inspirational Item at the March meeting.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Equity Efforts at Local Education Institutions

a. Pope John Paul II High School (PJP II)

Principal Therese Allin discussed equity efforts at PJP II. Every year on the Friday before Spring Break, PJP II does a Day of Service with students and teachers in the community. Allin stated that PJP II would be interested in partnering with the City to find additional groups that need assistance that day. Discussion ensued.

b. North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS)

North Thurston Public Schools (NTPS) Director of Equity and Language, Dr. Antonio Sandifer, provided a presentation on the NTPS's equity initiatives and programs geared to remove barriers, and increase student success. NTPS adopted the Social Justice Standards, a practice that focuses on Identity, Diversity, Justice, and Action. Discussion ensued.

B. LPCR Comprehensive Plan First Draft Review

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture, and Recreation Director, provided a review of the Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation (LPCR) Comprehensive Plan Draft, focusing on the following elements: Executive Summary/Plan Overview, Policies & Objectives and associated maps, and Lacey Parks Level of Service/Access Maps. Discussion ensued.

C. Utility Wrap Update

Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager, provided an update on the Utility Wrap project. The project is included within the City's adopted Public Art Plan. The wraps will consist of individuals or organizations that have made a positive impact on the community, both past and present.

Erin Quinn Valcho, City of Lacey Museum Curator, presented various options for the new Utility Wraps. Examples included:

- 1984 Women's Olympic Marathon Trials
- Lisa Brodoff & Lynn Grotsky
- Cecelia Svinth Carpenter
- Virgil S. Clarkson
- Evergreen Ballroom
- Karen Fraser
- Fred U. Harris Lodge #70
- Jose "Luvva J" Gutierrez, Jr.
- Vivian Hicks and Gladys Buroker
- Nat & Thelma Jackson
- Gene Liddell
- Lacey-Minsk Mazowiecki Sister City Association
- Lacey Women's Club
- Luther J. Wyckoff

Commissioner Jackson requested Barbara O'Neill be considered for a Utility Wrap. Barbara O'Neill's contributions to the community were discussed. Commissioners expressed support of the Utility Wrap options, including Barbara O'Neill. Next steps include presenting the list to the Historical Commission.

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

A. Senior Services for the South Sound Presentation

Commissioner Jackson provided a recap of Chair Brown and Commissioner Jackson's engagement meeting with local older adults at the Virgil S. Clarkson Senior Center.

B. Focus Groups with Community Members

Commissioners discussed the upcoming Black and African American Community Forum to be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the New Life Baptist Church in the Fellowship Hall.

5. DIRECTOR REPORT

A. Lacey Cultural Celebration

ACM Kelley-Fong discussed the Lacey Cultural Celebration on March 4, 2023.

B. Joint Meeting with the Lacey City Council

ACM Kelley-Fong discussed the joint meeting with the Lacey City Council on March 9, 2023.

6. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Clay adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.