

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

EQUITY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chair Cliff Brown, Vice Chair Annie Clay, Thelma Jackson, Kristine Stolberg, Jon Hegwood, Alanis Blackburn

EQUITY COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Makieda Hart, Kim Sauer

COUNCIL PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager (ACM); Jen Burbidge, Director of Parks, Culture and Recreation; Sarah Smith, Executive Assistant of Parks, Culture and Recreation; Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst

RECORDING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9BBdp3sqwIQ>

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
- Meeting Minutes from February 27, 2023
- Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2023 (Black and African American Community Forum)

COMMISSIONER JACKSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE AMENDED MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 21, 2023 TO INCLUDE A LINK TO THE STAFF REPORT ON THE BLACK AND AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY FORUM. VICE CHAIR CLAY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

The Commission discussed identifying a way to publicly provide details on the community forum and other feedback received from the community during engagement events.

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. There were three (3) written public comments.

3. INSPIRATIONAL ITEM:

Commissioner Hart did not attend the meeting. Commissioner Blackburn read a poem they wrote for the Langston Hughes Poetry Event about being the best version of yourself.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS:

A. Scholarship Policy Review

Jen Burbidge, Director of Parks, Culture, and Recreation. and Sarah Smith, Executive Assistant of Parks, Culture, and Recreation, provided a review of the draft updates to the Scholarship Policy. Discussion ensued.

B. Cultural Celebration Review

Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst, provided an update on the Cultural Celebration held on March 4, 2023. Discussion ensued.

C. Black and African American Community Forum Review

Chair Brown discussed the Black and African American Community Forum engagement activity held on March 21, 2023. Discussion ensued.

ACM Kelley-Fong provided an overview of the Black and African American Community Forum. Discussion ensued. ACM Kelley-Fong to return to a future meeting with more information on potential next steps for discussion. Staff will also collaborate with the Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department on scheduling additional information on City sponsored events, including vendors and performers.

4. COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

A. Juneteenth Planning Update

Chair Brown provided an update of the Juneteenth event planning meeting with the Fred U. Harris Lodge. The meeting included discussion surrounding communication efforts, potential invitees, information booths, volunteers, and live performances.

5. DIRECTOR REPORT:

A. Advisory Board Compensation Update

ACM Kelley-Fong provided an update on the Advisory Board Compensation project. Next steps include compiling information gathered from the various boards and commissions and bringing recommendations to the Commission at the next meeting.

B. 2023 Utility Wrap Project Update

ACM Kelley-Fong provided an update on the 2023 Utility Wrap Project. The Historical Commission supported the individuals and organizations identified for this project, including the addition of Barbara O'Neill.

C. Thurston League of Women Voters Equity Commission Panel

Thurston County League of Women Voters will be holding a county-wide discussion forum on April 26, 2023. ACM Kelley-Fong, Chair Brown, and Commissioner Jackson will be on the panel for the Thurston County League of Women Voters. The meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on April 26, 2023, at The Olympia Center, at 222 Columbia St NW, Olympia, in Rooms 101 and 102.

6. ADJOURN

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.