



City of Lacey, Washington Historical Commission Agenda

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for meeting information.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

Call to Order

Roll Call

1. Land Acknowledgement:

The Lacey Historical Commission meets on the ancestral land of the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek, including the Nisqually Indian Tribe and Squaxin Island Tribe. We acknowledge and remember those Tribal People not recognized today who were absorbed or relocated into other tribes for survival. We recognize the ancestors and their descendants who are still here. We recognize and respect the Tribal People of the Treaty of Medicine Creek as the traditional stewards of this land since time immemorial and their role today in taking care of these lands in perpetuity. We recognize and have the responsibility to call attention to the histories of dispossession, forced removal, and abridged treaty rights that allowed our nation, state, and city to develop as they have today. We recommend that community members read the [Medicine Creek Treaty of 1854](#).

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

- A. Approval of Agenda*
- B. Approval of February 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes*

3. Public Comment:

Please refer to the bottom of the agenda for instructions on how to provide public comment.

4. Business Items:

- A. **New Museum and Cultural Center Funding Strategy Committee Report**
Jen Burbudge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director
- B. **Ken Balsley Historian of the Year**
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

- C. **Stories of the South Sound Project Update**
Felicia Rova-Chamroeun, Museum Coordinator
- D. **Recent Acquisitions***
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

5. Reports:

- A. Lacey Historical Society
- B. Policy StEPs Committee
- C. Commissioners
- D. Chair
- E. Museum Curator
- F. Director

6. Adjourn

*Item Action Requested

Next Meetings:

Historical Commission Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 6:00pm, Council Chambers and online

New Museum and Cultural Center Funding Strategy Committee Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2024, 9:00am, Council Chambers and online

History Month Proclamation, City Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 6:00pm, Council Chambers and online

Upcoming Events:

HistoryTalks! The Fight for Gay and Lesbian Adoption Rights: A Milestone on the Road to LGBTQ+ Equality, Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 6:30pm, Council Chambers and online

Lacey Spring Fun Fair, Saturday, May 18, 2024, 10am - 6pm and Sunday, May 19, 2024 11am - 5pm at St. Martin's University

Attend Remote or In-Person

There are several ways to attend the Historical Commission Meeting:

- In-Person: Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall
420 College Street SE, Lacey, WA 98503
- Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84279911144>
- Website: <https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C0Po4l54jIA>
- Phone: (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 842 7991 1144)



Verbal Public Comment

The opportunity for verbal public comment is available in person or by Zoom:

In-Person: Use the sign-up sheet in Council Chambers

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84279911144>

During the public comment portion of the meeting, use the Raise Hand function to be given the opportunity to speak. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Written Public Comment

Please submit written public comment to PRPublicComment@ci.lacey.wa.us by noon the day of the meeting. Written public comments received by the deadline will be sent to Commissioners prior to the meeting, but will not be read at the meeting. Emailed correspondence that is received throughout the month will be summarized in the next available Historical Commission agenda packet under Public Comment.





City of Lacey, Washington
Historical Commission Minutes
Wednesday, February 21, 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, Kimberly Goetz (arrived at 6:02), Jon Halvorson, Rory Line (Youth Representative), Tula'i Patane (arrived 6:07), and Alan Tyler.

Commissioners Absent (Unexcused): Ed Holm.

Staff Present: Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator; Carter Gibson, Executive Assistant; and Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner.

Public Present: John Turner, Lacey Historical Society trustee; and Margie Wyllie, Lacey Historical Society trustee.

1. Land Acknowledgement:

Commissioner Goetz read the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

A. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of January 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Tyler made a motion to approve the January 17, 2024 meeting minutes as delivered. Commissioner Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

No public comment.

4. Business Items:

A. Joint Worksession Debrief

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho thanked commissioners for attending the joint worksession with City Council. The 2023 accomplishments and 2024 work plan were well received by the Council. Chairman Keogh and Commissioner Halvorson concurred.

B. City Email Addresses

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Quinn Valcho confirmed that all commissioners except Commissioner Tyler have access to their new City emails. She then reported that beginning after this meeting, all correspondence with commissioners will be sent to City emails. She reminded commissioners that the stipend survey will need to be completed even if they decline to receive the stipend.

C. Historian of the Year

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Quinn Valcho reviewed the Ken Balsley Historian of the Year Award policy, shared the list of past recipients with the commissioners, and reviewed the award timeline.

D. Updated Historical Commission Meeting Schedule

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Quinn Valcho informed the commission that the meeting schedule was updated to include the May 7, 2024, City Council meeting. She received confirmation that the Lacey History Month proclamation will be presented during that meeting, in addition to the Ken Balsley Historian of the Year recipient announcement and the Lacey Museum Annual Report presentation. She encouraged all commissioners to attend the meeting.

5. Reports:

A. Lacey Historical Society



Trustees John Turner and Margie Wyllie reported:

- The Lacey Historical Society (LHS) February newsletter includes family stories. Additional copies were provided to the Lacey Museum for additional distribution.
- LHS is considering proposals to honor Dr. Ehlers, Lacey's first doctor.
- LHS is planning social events for this summer to increase their membership.

B. Policy StEPs Committee

No report.

C. Commissioners

Commissioner Wyckoff shared that Thurston County is seeking volunteers for their boards and commissions. He encouraged commissioners to consider joining the Thurston County Historic Commission for collaboration purposes.

Commissioner Halvorson asked for confirmation of the date for the next Lacey Museum and Cultural Center Funding Strategy Committee meeting. Staff shared the meeting would be held on February 29, 2024, and agreed to share the updated meeting schedule with the commission.

D. Chair

Chair Keogh reported:

- The Regional Athletic Complex kiosk is being constructed and assembled at the fairgrounds. They are working to finalize the design of historical panels.
- The Washington State Historic Museum in Tacoma opened a display on the Medicine Creek Treaty and the Boldt decision.

E. Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho shared:

- The Lacey Museum's February craft program celebrates the Lunar New Year with a dragon craft.
- The Lacey Museum is working on two new exhibits, one regarding entertainment and recreation and the other pertaining to local aviation history, given Saint Martin's University played an important role in aviation development nationally.



- *Stories of the South Sound* recently held their first MemoryLab oral history event to conduct interviews.
- The Selma Street request discussed during the last Commission meeting is not on the agenda because the request is still in progress. It is a three-part request involving coordination with other departments.

F. Director

Quinn Valcho gave the Director's report in her absence.

- Youth Commissioner Anthony Santiago resigned from the Historical Commission. Youth Commissioner Rory Line has been appointed to the role.
- City employees have new email addresses. The new format is Firstname.Lastname@cityoflacey.org. The website has the new addresses for reference if needed.

6. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION ACCEPTING 2024 HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS

LACEY, WA, March 7, 2024: In celebration of Lacey History Month in May, the Lacey Historical Commission is accepting nominations for the 2024 Ken Balsley Lacey Historian of the Year Award, now through Monday, April 1, 2024.

Nomination forms are available online at LaceyParks.org/Historian and at City Hall at the Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department, 420 College Street SE. The Lacey Historical Commission will consider award candidates at their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. The public may attend the meeting in person at Lacey City Hall or online via Zoom.

Established in 2002, the award recognizes local community members and organizations that have made significant contributions to the preservation or promotion of Lacey's history. The 2023 winner will join a distinguished group of recipients, including Shirley Dziedzic (2002), Roger Easton and the Lacey Women's Club (2003), Dr. William Ehlers (2004), Andrea Taylor (2005), Lyman Fleetwood (2007), Lanny Weaver (2010), Matthew Connor (2011), Diane Dean (2012), Susan Goff (2013), Richard Jones (2014), Ken Balsley (2015), Lori Flemm (2016), Nora Brown and Amy Turner (2017), Marisa Merkel (2020), Seth Huff (2022), and Dr. Thelma Jackson (2023).

In 2023, the award was renamed in recognition of the late Ken Balsley's passion for Lacey history.

For more information on the Historian of the Year program, Lacey History Month, or the Lacey Historical Commission, please call the Lacey Parks, Culture, and Recreation Department at (360) 491-0857.

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Recent Acquisitions Review March 2024 Lacey Historical Commission

According to LMC 2.4.050, the Historical Commission has the supervision, along with the Museum Curator, of accepting gifts of property for historical purposes. To that end, the listed items have been accepted by the Museum Curator for inclusion into the Lacey Museum collection subject to the review of the Commission.

Commissioners should consider the museum mission, the museum acquisitions policy, and the usefulness of the item(s) for display and research.

ACCEPTED FOR THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

2024-001 Bev and Charles Lord

- Folder of ephemera related to Thompson Place and Tanglewilde developments.
Belonged to Helen Johnson who was a resident in both neighborhoods.

Relation to Mission: These housing developments in Lacey's Urban Growth area tell an important story in the development of Lacey during the housing boom of the 1960s.

Relation to Collection: This will help to fill a gap in the collection as we have little related to these two neighborhoods.

2023-006 City of Lacey (Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Department)

- Photographs, slides, digital images, and documents related to Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation.

Relation to Mission: City of Lacey history is an important theme in our collecting scope.

Relation to Collection: This will be incorporated into our City of Lacey and Lacey Parks collections.

The Lacey Museum enriches our community and engages visitors by sharing vibrant stories of the past through the preservation and celebration of Lacey and the South Sound region's cultural heritage.