



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.

