



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

Call to Order

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Jim Keogh, Vice Chair Kevin Wyckoff, Kimberly Goetz, Jon Halvorson, Ed Holm, Rory Line (Youth Representative), and Tula'i Patane.

Staff Present: Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator; Carter Gibson, Executive Assistant; and Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator.

1. Land Acknowledgement

Commissioner Holm read the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

A. Approval of Agenda

**Commissioner Wyckoff made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Commissioner Tyler seconded. Motion carried.**

B. Approval of March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to approve the minutes as printed.
Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.**

3. Public Comment:

No public comment.

4. Business Items:

A. **Lacey Depot Food Truck and Market**

Wesley Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator

Coordinator Nguyen shared a presentation regarding updates to the pop-up market hosted at the Lacey Depot.

B. **Ken Balsley Historian of the Year**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Curator Quinn Valcho shared that the Commission received three nominations for Paul Webb and one nomination for the Lacey Historical Society. She shared the information for the Lacey Historical Society's nomination, and Commissioner Halvorson provided details for Paul Webb's nomination.

Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to select Paul Webb as the Ken Balsley Historian of the Year. Commissioner Tyler seconded. Motion passed.

C. **Selma Street Request**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Curator Quinn Valcho referred the Commission to her letter in the packet to the Historical Society regarding this request. The request to add a tree to the historic register is outside the scope of the Historical Commission and should instead be presented to the Community & Economic Development Department, should the Lacey Historical Society wish to proceed. The request for a memorial roadway or a historic street sign does not meet the policy intentions to honor street names that have been changed.

D. **Historic Preservation Consultant Update**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Curator Quinn Valcho shared that she received five responses to the historic preservation consultant estimate request for the Jacob Smith House, McKinney Building, and Long Lake House. She will review them and report back to the Commission once a vendor is selected.

E. **Robert Chamberlain Artwork**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Curator Quinn Valcho shared that artwork by Robert Chamberlain of the Lacey Depot was donated to her personally. She requests the Commission's consideration of accepting the artwork into the Lacey Museum's collection.

Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to accept the artwork into the



museum's collection. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

5. Reports:

A. Lacey Historical Society

Treasurer Kendra Hensley reported:

- Several board members attended the 75th anniversary celebration for the Lacey Fire Department.
- Vice President Cynthia Pratt delivered a poem to the City during last night's City Council meeting.
- President Halvorson will be at the Sons of Norway event on Saturday, if anyone wishes to stop by.
- The Society will be having a special meeting for its members at the Lacey Community Center on June 6, 2024.

B. Policy StEPs Committee

Commissioner Goetz reported that the committee remains on hiatus.

C. Commissioners

Commissioner Halvorson shared that 40 years ago, the inaugural United States Olympic women's marathon trials were held in Olympia, and the route partially went through Lacey. Several participants from those trials will be back in Olympia from May 16-19, 2024, to commemorate this historic race with various public events.

D. Chair

Chair Keogh reported that he is continuing to work on the *Lacey Leader* project, most recently reviewing photos of Saint Martin's University from the early 1900s.

E. Museum Curator

Curator Quinn Valcho reported the following:

- She encouraged Commissioners to attend the May 7, 2024, City Council meeting where she will be presenting the Ken Balsley Historian of the Year Award to its recipient, the museum's annual report, and the May is History Month proclamation.
- April's History Talk where Lynn Grotzky & Lisa Brodoff shared their story of second parent adoption as a lesbian couple was well attended and received positive feedback from attendees.



- The Museum's Oral History Intern will fill the vacant, .5FTE Recreation Coordinator position. He will continue working on the oral history project through June. Oral History interviews are underway.
- The museum's main exhibit room was recently repainted, and a new exhibit is in development.

F. **Director**

Curator Quinn Valcho provided the Director's report:

- The Regional Athletic Complex kiosk concrete work began on Monday. The frame will begin construction the second week of May.
- Due to recent events during the public comment portion of the last Commission on Equity meeting, effective immediately, those wishing to provide virtual public comments at City of Lacey meetings must register to do so two hours in advance of the start of the meeting. City staff will be recommending formal policy updates soon.

6. **Adjourn**

Commissioner Tyler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

