



City of Lacey, Washington
Historical Commission Minutes
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - Council Chambers and Online

Call to Order

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Jim Keogh, Vice Chair Kevin Wyckoff, Kimberly Goetz, Ed Holm, Tula'i Patane (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), and Alan Tyler.

Commissioners Excused: Jon Halvorson and Rory Line, Youth Representative.

Staff Present: Jennifer Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director, Jenny Wilson, Senior Parks Planner.

Public: Cheryl Malkmus.

1. Land Acknowledgement:

Chair Keogh read the land acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

A. Approval of Agenda*

Chair Keogh proposed the addition of a new item to the agenda: 4f. Lacey Historical Society Support Letter Request.

**Commissioner Holm made a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.**

B. Approval of April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes*

Commissioner Goetz requested that the Policy/Steps Committee report be changed to reflect that the committee is on hiatus rather than they had no report.

Commissioner Holm moved to approve the minutes as amended.
Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. The motion carried.

3. Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

4. Business Items:

A. Utility Wrap Project Update

Sadie Siglin, Management Analyst

Management Analyst Sadie Siglin gave an update on the utility wrap art project. Commissioner Holm expressed concerns about the length of time the wraps would be installed.

The Commission made the following recommendations:

- Gene Liddell: "From Little Seeds Grow Mighty Trees," by Shekinah Lim
- Luther J. Wyckoff: Arianna Seng landscape
- Add contextual information about the theme and the artist to the utility box

Commissioner Wyckoff suggested a theme for the future related to the Lacey Fire District and the Elephant's Club.

B. May 7, 2024 City Council Meeting Debrief

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Director Burbidge thanked the Commissioners for attending and gave kudos to the museum staff for their presentation.

2024 Historian of the Year Paul Webb shared his thanks by gifting a copy of his book to each commissioner.

C. New Museum and Cultural Center Funding Strategy Committee Update

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Director Burbidge reported that the committee met on April 25.

- The City has contracted with the Lacey Community Foundation to develop a five-year fundraising plan for the City. Jennie Foglia-Jones, a subcontractor, will be doing the work.
- The committee discussed recalibrating the funding buckets, which will be informed by the work of Foglia-Jones.



- System-wide parks funding strategy to cover gaps in revenue to meet the needs of the growing Lacey community.
- Council directed the establishment of a Parks Improvement Funding Work Group.

D. *Water, Woods, and Prairies* Book Memorandum of Understanding

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Director Burbidge provided background on the Memorandum of Understanding with Thurston County. Once the MOU is signed, then staff will put in a budget request to fund the printing of the book.

Chair Keogh suggested creating an app that tells stories about cultural and historical information for the area.

E. Historic Preservation Consultant Update

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Director Burbidge shared the project scope and reasons behind the project to complete historic preservation work on the McKinney House, the Jacob Smith House, and the Long Lake House. Five estimates were received for the project and ultimately Drayton Archaeology has been selected as the consultant on the project. Once the contract has been signed, work will begin.

F. Lacey Historical Society Support Letter Request

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

Director Burbidge shared a draft letter in support of a historical marker to recognize the history of the Popkes Subdivision. Commissioners would like a chance to review the accuracy of the letter so it will be added to the July agenda.

5. Reports:

A. Lacey Historical Society

No report.

B. Policy StEPs Committee

The committee is on hiatus.

C. Commissioners

Commissioner Tyler congratulated Director Burbidge on being chosen as one of



the 2024 South Sound Exceptional Women by the Olympia Soroptimists.

Commissioner Patane shared that Lacey PolyFest will be on June 28 and 29 at the Regional Athletic Complex. She also shared that they will be participating in the Stories of the South Sound with an interview.

D. Chair

Chair Keogh shared some of his interesting finds about KGY during his work on the *Lacey Leader* project.

E. Museum Curator

Director Burbidge shared the museum report:

- After painting, staff reinstalled *Journey Stories* and Lacey's 50th anniversary exhibit, and had platforms made for the upcoming *Live From Lacey* exhibit. Olivia and Felicia prepared exhibit images and mounted them on foam core.
- Fulton and Felicia completed six oral history interviews and began transcriptions for the South Sound Oral History Project.
- The final History Talk of the season was last week. Lester Dickson presented a program on the Prince Hall Freemasons. History Talks will resume in the fall.

F. Director

Director Burbidge reported:

- Staff met with Jennie Foglia-Jones, the Lacey Community Foundation representative, on May 2nd to kick off the City's contract with them. They shared information, set up monthly meetings, and discussed the timeline.
- The foundation work is complete and framing is underway on the RAC Kiosk.
- The Ken Balsley Memorial Bench Dedication has been rescheduled to May 30, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Civic Plaza.
- No commission meeting in June.

6. Adjourn

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

