



City of Lacey, Washington
Historical Commission Minutes
Wednesday, October 16, 2024 - Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Keogh called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Jim Keogh, Vice Chair Kevin Wyckoff, Kimberly Goetz, Jon Halvorson, Alan Tyler, Ed Holm, Tula'i Patane, Youth Commissioner Kim Faith (arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

3. Land Acknowledgement:

Commissioner Halvorson read the land acknowledgement.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of Agenda

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho acknowledged that the agenda had not been amended but was presented as such in error.

Commissioner Halvorson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Vice Chair Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of September 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Wyckoff made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Commissioner seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment:

No public comment.

6. Business Items

A. Presiding Officer Nominations

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Commissioner Halvorson nominated Chair Keogh to serve as Chair for 2025.

Vice Chair Wyckoff seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Halvorson motioned to elect Chair Keogh as Chair for 2025.

Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Halvorson nominated Vice Chair Wyckoff to serve as Vice Chair for 2025. Commissioner Holm seconded the nomination.

Commissioner Halvorson motioned to elect Vice Chair Wyckoff as Vice Chair for 2025. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

B. New Acquisitions

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the new acquisitions.

Vice Chair Wyckoff motioned to approve the new acquisitions. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

C. Museum Storage Update

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho shared that the Lacey Museum exhibits will be moving to a larger and more accessible space starting in November. The current Lacey Museum building will host the museum collections and a new research center.

D. Drafted 2025 Work Plan

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the drafted 2025 Work Plan.

Commissioners discussed items to add to the draft. Staff will provide an updated draft for the next Commission meeting.

7. Reports

A. Lacey Historical Society

The Lacey Historical Society reported:



- The Society continues to pursue options to commission a statue of Dr. William Ehlers.
- The Society would like to pursue sustainable ways to permanently memorialize the people who are honored in the memorial gardens.
- The Society shared thanks to Museum Curator Quinn Valcho for helping digitize the Society's archival newsletters

B. Policy StEPs Committee

The committee is on hiatus.

C. Commissioners

Commissioner Patane shared appreciation for the Night Market at the Lacey Depot. Commissioner Halvorson attended the fiftieth anniversary of Medic One and hopes that the keynote speaker for the event could present a History Talk for the museum.

D. Chair

Chair Keogh reported that Thurston County Heritage Day will be held on October 26, 2024, at the Thurston County Fair Grounds. The Regional Athletic Complex kiosk panels continue to be finalized.

E. Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho reported:

- The Lacey Women's Club decided not to disband but does plan to give up the property to City Gates Ministries. Conversations will continue regarding the property's status on the historic register.
- The Lacey Museum was bequested \$11,000 and one-fifth of the sale of a home. The City has received the \$11,000 but the house will not be sold until the current tenant is no longer residing at the property.

F. Director

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho gave the Director's report.

- The 2025 budget request of \$15,000 to print and sell *Water, Woods, and Prairies* and other museum store inventory items was approved. The request is now pending City Council final approval on December 17, 2024.
- The Parks Improvement Funding Workgroup met September 16, 2024, and September 30, 2024. Staff covered the Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation Comprehensive Plan and current and potential future parks funding



opportunities. Additionally, staff conducted a parks tour for the Workgroup on October 4, 2024, to review some projects on the Parks Capital Improvement Program (PCIP). The Workgroup then met October 14, 2024, further discuss the PCIP. The next meeting Workgroup meeting is scheduled for October 28, 2024. The Workgroup plans to make priority and funding recommendations to City Council by December of this year.

- Lacey Parks, Culture and Recreation is in the process of interviewing for a Recreation Coordinator vacancy to assist the Special Events, Sponsorships & Marketing Supervisor.

8. Adjourn

Commissioner Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.
Commissioner Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.

