



Historical Commission Agenda

Refer to the bottom of the agenda for meeting information.

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

6:00 PM

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Land Acknowledgment

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](#).

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- A. Approval of the Agenda*
- B. Approval of November 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes*

5. Public Comment

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

6. Business Items

- A. **2024 Accomplishments**
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator
- B. **January 28, 2024 Council Worksession**
Jen Burbidge, Director
- C. **Recent Acquisitions***
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

7. Reports

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

8. Adjourn

*Item Action Requested

Upcoming Meetings:

Joint Worksession - Historical Commission and City Council: Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers and online

Historical Commission Meeting: February 19, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers and Online

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/webinar/register/WN_CmhqzBYsTUmDO3KRG5zGNA

Website: <https://cityoflacey.org/government/public-meetings/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO3nluNu36Y>

Phone: (888) 788-0099 or (877) 853-5247 (Webinar ID 840 3286 7309)

Verbal Public Comment

Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments are welcome on matters connected to City business or specific agenda items.

Prior to starting your comments, please provide your:

- a. Name
- b. City of residence or connection to the City
- c. Topic or subject matter of your comments

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

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

Zoom: Preregister using the following Zoom link no later than two hours prior to the meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CmhqzBYsTUmDO3KRG5zGNA

Instructions and access details will be provided once registration is complete.

Written Public Comment

Please submit written public comments to PRPublicComment@cityoflacey.org up to two hours prior to the start time of the meeting. Public comments received by the deadline will be sent to Commissioners prior to the meeting, but will not be read at the meeting.



City of Lacey, Washington
Historical Commission Minutes
Wednesday, November 20, 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 6:16 p.m.)

3. Land Acknowledgment

Commissioner Holm read the land acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of Agenda

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

B. Approval of October 16, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Business Items

- A. Lacey Museum Move to 6th Ave
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator referred the Commissioners to the attached press release. She shared that staff are still in the early stages of the move.

- B. New Acquisitions
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the new acquisitions.

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

- C. Draft 2024 Accomplishments
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the 2024 accomplishments.

Commissioner Halvorson motioned to approve the drafted accomplishments pending final edits from Museum Curator Valcho. Vice Chair Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

- D. 2024 Work Plan Update
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the 2024 work plan update.

Commissioner Holm motioned to approve the work plan as amended. Vice Chair Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

- E. Draft 2025 Work Plan
Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the revised 2025 work plan.

Vice Chair Wyckoff motioned to approve the work plan. Commissioner Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.

7. Reports

- A. Lacey Historical Society

The Lacey Historical Society shared the following.



- The Society's 2025 priorities are to find ways to honor Dr. Ehlers and revitalize the memorial garden.
- The Society will soon release a new edition of the Society's newsletter.
- The Society continues to post on Facebook.
- The Society's annual membership drive is underway.

B. Policy StEPs Committee

The committee is on hiatus.

C. Commissioners

- Commissioner Tyler shared appreciation for the recent History Talk.
- Youth Commissioner Kim shared that she reports Historical Commission business to the Youth Council.
- Commissioner Halvorson provided a recap of the Thurston County Heritage Day event.
- Vice Chair Wyckoff shared that today is Geographic Information System Day.

D. Chair

- Chair Keogh shared additional details about Thurston County Heritage Day.
- Tribal approval was granted for the Regional Athletic Complex kiosk panels.

E. Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho met with stakeholders for the Lacey Women's Club building. Conversations continue about the building's future on the historic register.

F. Director

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho gave the Director's report.

- Funding has been allocated, pending City Council's approval of the 2025 budget next month, for the Jacob Smith House roof.
- The Recreation Coordinator vacancy for Events, Sponsorship & Marketing has been filled.
- The Lacey Holiday Lights event will be taking place Monday, Dec 2 from 5:30-7:30 at Huntamer Park.

8. Adjourn

Commissioner Holm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Commissioner Halvorson seconded. Motion carried.



Lacey Historical Commission

2024 Accomplishments

2024 Work Plan Accomplishments

- Lacey Museum and Cultural Center Funding Strategy Committee met 3 times and discussed funding opportunities and considerations.
- Awarded Paul Webb the 2024 Ken Balsley Lacey Historian of the Year.
- Celebrated Lacey History Month in May.
- Completed the RAC Kiosk panels; a dedication is expected in early 2025.
- Progress made on historic preservation assessments of the Jacob Smith House and McKinney Building.

Other Noteworthy Accomplishments

- Completed Ken Balsley memorial bench and dedication.
- Hosted 9 HistoryTalks! (521 live participants, 588 post-event views).
- Reviewed 14 museum acquisitions some of which include original Depot artworks, several local history books, ephemera related to Tanglewilde and Thompson Place, NTHS yearbooks, Lacey Burger Bar menu, and additions to the Ken Balsley collection.
- Received \$15,000 grant for Stories of the South Sound from Washington State Historical Society Diversity in Local History program.
- Completed Stories of the South Sound Phase I oral history project. Hosted MemoryLab events at the museum.
- Completed *Live From Lacey!* exhibit about local entertainment history.
- Significant progress on exhibits move to the Bell Center.
- Significant progress on move of the collections and research center to the Russell House.
- Significant progress on early aviation exhibit scheduled for 2025.
- Received \$11,000 bequest from Frank Wells.
- Nearly completed MOU with Thurston County for printing Water, Woods and Prairies.
- Reviewed Utility Wrap public art submissions.
- Intern Olivia Moore was promoted to Museum Assistant (Educator).
- 354 in-person visitors at the Lacey Museum. 2,122 program views online.
- Updated staff training in agents of deterioration and object handling.
- 9 volunteers gave 439 hours to the museum giving tours, helping with crafts, working on exhibits, processing collections, and helping with events.
- Lacey Depot rentals brought \$8,950 in revenue.



Recent Acquisitions Review January 2025 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

2020-001 Gift of Julie Larson

- Digital copy of a photograph of Bridget Kenney

Relation to Mission: Bridget Kenney and her family came to Lacey to run the Lacey hotel in the early 1900s. Her son Frank Kenney coined the "It's the Water" slogan and her daughters were postmasters.

Relation to Collection: We do not have this particular image and it will add to our Kenney family photographs.

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.