



Historical Commission Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Jim Keogh, Vice Chair Kevin Wyckoff, Alan Tyler, Ed Holm, Kimberly Goetz

Commissioners Absent (unexcused): Tula'i Patane, Jon Halvorson

Staff Present: Museum Curator Erin Quinn Valcho, Executive Assistant Carter Gibson

3. Land Acknowledgement

Vice Chair Wyckoff read the land acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Wyckoff motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of the January 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Wyckoff motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Business Items

A. Strategic Plan Update

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the current draft of the plan. An updated draft will be presented at a later meeting, incorporating staff and Commission feedback.

B. Historical Register Properties Overview

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented an overview of the Lacey Register of Historic Places.

C. Recent Acquisitions

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the new acquisitions.

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

7. Reports

A. Lacey Historical Society

The Lacey Historical Society reported:

- The Society's 2025 priorities continue to be finding ways to honor Dr. Ehlers and revitalizing the memorial garden.
- The Society shared the unfortunate recent passing of Jack Homann, who was instrumental to Lacey's history.

B. Policy StEPs Committee

The committee is on hiatus.

C. Commissioners

Commissioner Tyler shared appreciation for the recent HistoryTalk! events.

D. Chair

Chair Keogh provided updates on the ribbon cutting ceremony for the kiosk at the Regional Athletic Complex.

E. Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho reported:

- The February HistoryTalks! presentation was about O. C. Lacey's true identity. The March HistoryTalks! presentation was about the Black workers in the Civilian Conservation Corps and their work in Washington State Parks.
- The Lacey Museum move is progressing.
- The consultant for the historic preservation project submitted their first draft for staff review.
- Voting for the 2025 Historian of the Year will occur during the Commission's April meeting.
- The City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, is scheduled to include the Historian of the Year presentation and the Museum's annual report to the Council.

F. Director

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho provided the Director's report.

- The Parks, Culture & Recreation annual staff retreat was held last month.
- The City broke ground on Greg Cuoio Park two weeks ago.
- Lacey City Council approved the 2025 State and Federal Legislative Priorities in December and January and can be found online.
- The Lacey Youth Council representative to the Historical Commission will remain vacant for the remainder of this term.

8. Adjourn

Chair Keogh adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.