

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT WORKSESSION
LACEY CITY COUNCIL AND HISTORIC COMMISSION**

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

7:00 P.M. – 8:18 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: DEPUTY MAYOR PRATT, COUNCILMEMBERS GREENSTEIN, COX,
KUNKEL, MILLER

COUNCIL EXCUSED: MAYOR RYDER, COUNCILMEMBER STEADMAN

HISTORIC COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: ERICH EBEL, KIMBERLY GOETZ, ALAN TYLER, SARAH
THIRTYACRE, SETH HUFF

HISTORIC COMMISSIONERS

EXCUSED: SEIJI NAOTSUKA, JEFF CRANE, DAVID BLACK

STAFF PRESENT: S. SPENCE, R. ALMADA, J. BURBIDGE, S. EGGER, D.
SCHNEIDER, R. WALK, T. WOO, W. DUFFY, E. QUINN-VALCHO,
A. SMITH, E. FONTAINE

ACTION: APPROVE WORKSESSION AGENDA

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS
GREENSTEIN AND KUNKEL

THURSTON REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL

PRESENTER: MARC DAILY, TRPC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Marc Daily, TRPC Executive Director, presented on the Regional Transportation Plan, a regional roadmap for a complete and high-functioning transportation system over the next twenty-five years. This plan is updated every four years. A large amount of the chapters and analysis included in the plan is directed by state and federal requirements. Meeting these requirements maintains eligibility for state and federal transportation funding.

Presentation included areas of emphasis and reviewed capital projects within Lacey that have regional impacts.

A community involvement survey is currently underway and closes February 28, 2020. Council expressed the need to promote the survey on more platforms to gain more awareness. Council asked staff to utilize City of Lacey social media pages to promote the survey.

All comments and questions may be directed to Katrina Van Every, Senior Planner, with Thurston Regional Planning Council.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION WORK PROGRAM

PRESENTERS: JENNIFER BURBIDGE, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR

ERICH EBEL, HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIR

ERIN QUINN VALCHO, LACEY MUSEUM CURATOR

SETH HUFF, HISTORIC COMMISSIONER

ACTION: APPROVE THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION 2020 WORK PLAN

MOTION: MOTION MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED BY COUNCILMEMBERS COX AND GREENSTEIN

Highlights from the Lacey Historical Commission's 2019 Key Accomplishments include new Lacey Museum project, Museum visitations, Historical Commission Policies and Procedures, Lacey History Month Proclamation, Thurston Throwback, Grants, and Historic properties.

The 2019-2028 Lacey Museum Strategic Plan was approved by the Historical Commission on August 21, 2019, and includes the following goals:

Goal 1: Plan and build the new Lacey Museum & Civic Center.

Goal 2: Create and deliver high-quality experiences at the Lacey Museum & Civic Center.

Goal 3: Preserve, care for and manage collections professionally.

Goal 4: Identify and secure stable, long-term funding and revenue sources for the museum.

Goal 5: Increase museum awareness, visibility and value throughout the city and region.

Goal 6: Build and foster community partnerships to increase capacity and sustainability.

The 2020 Historical Commission Work Plan includes:

- Assist in the development of the timeline, site plan, programming priorities, and character of the new Lacey Museum.
- Review Strategic Plan for the Lacey Museum.
- Promote the Lacey Museum to build a network of supporting patrons.
- Serve as volunteer docents and offer tours to visitors at the Museum and during special events.
- Assist staff with Museum programming.
- Approve nominations and selection of Lacey Historian of the Year.
- Accept the July is Lacey History Month Proclamation at the July City Council meeting.
- Update 1991 policies and procedures for the operation and guiding principles for the Historical Commission.
- Participate in a joint worksession with the Community & Economic Development Department to improve communication, education, and review the process for permitting and historic property review.
- Participate in development and staff a booth for Thurston Throwback.
- Continue research for the preservation opportunities and potential use of portion of the Chambers Prairie cabin in a new exhibit at Lacey Museum at the Depot.
- Identify projects for the Valerie Sivinski Grant, Thurston County Heritage Grant, Nisqually Charitable Funds, BNSF Grant, Capital Heritage Grant, and CLG Grant.
- Identify projects on historic property inventory to include in City's GIS database.
- Attend Nisqually Tribal Council meeting.
- Identify at least two properties from the historic property inventory that could be added to the Historic Register.

- Review previous McKinney House work and determine options for next steps.
- Support the Youth Commissioner in developing and implementing a student project.

HERITAGE CAPITAL GRANT UPDATE

PRESENTERS: JENNIFER BURBIDGE, PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR
WADE DUFFY, BUILDING OFFICIAL AND FIRE MARSHAL
ASHLEY SMITH, ENGINEER TECHNICIAN III

ACTION: INFORMATION ONLY

Staff presented on the Washington State Historical Society's Heritage Capital Grant for the Lacey Museum and Depot, and reviewed phase summaries and next steps.

The project was awarded a \$979,000 grant through the Washington State Historical Society and the City plans to explore the next Heritage Capital Grant to maximize matching funds. The City has selected to work within grant amounts to fund the phased project, with potential for fundraising opportunities in the future.

Council agreed with staff's approach to moving forward with the project.