



## Historical Commission Minutes

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Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

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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, Jon Halvorson, Alan Tyler, Kimberly Goetz

Commissioners Absent: Tula'i Patane, Ed Holm

Staff Present: Parks, Culture and Recreation Director Jen Burbidge, Executive Assistant Carter Gibson

3. Land Acknowledgment

Commissioner Goetz read the land acknowledgment.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A. Approval of the Agenda

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

B. Approval of March 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Business Items

A. Historian of the Year  
Jen Burbidge, Director  
Commissioner Goetz made a motion to select John Dziedzic as the Ken Balsley Historian of the Year. Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. Commissioner Halvorson abstained for a potential conflict of interest. Motion passed.

B. Recent Acquisition  
Jen Burbidge, Director  
Director Burbidge presented the new acquisition.

Commissioner Halvorson motioned to approve the new acquisition.  
Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

C. 2025 Work Plan Update  
Jen Burbidge, Director  
Director Burbidge shared the updated work plan after edits from the previous Commission meeting.

## 7. Reports

A. Lacey Historical Society

B. Policy StEPs Committee  
The committee is on hiatus.

C. Commissioners  
Commissioner Tyler shared his appreciation for the recent HistoryTalks! presentations. Commissioner Halvorson shared his intention to donate a poster to the Museum through the routine acquisition process.

D. Chair  
No report.

E. Museum Curator  
Director Burbidge gave the Museum Curator's report:

- The April HistoryTalk! presentation was History of Whiskey and Washington State, and was attended by 61 people. The upcoming May presentation will be The Origins of Asian America, the last History Talk of the season. Programs will resume in September.
- The Museum has a have a new property management company.
- Platforms and reader rails are under construction for the museum. Once completed, staff will set an opening date for the museum.

- Museum exhibit renderings are ninety percent completed.
- The Russell House furnace is no longer operational, which will delay the Research Center opening until a replacement is acquired.
- Museum Curator Quinn Valcho gave Lacey Sunrise Lions a presentation on the new museum project. Museum Coordinator Rova-Chamroeun gave a Lacey history and museum update to Gateway Rotary.

#### F. Director

Director Burbidge reported:

- Museum Curator Quinn Valcho will present the Lacey Museum annual report and celebrate May is Lacey History Month during the May 20, 2025 City Council meeting. Consequently, the May 21, 2025 Historical Commission meeting is canceled.
- The Parks, Culture and Recreation Department's quarterly program updates are included in the agenda packet, and will be included on a quarterly basis going forward so the Commission has a fuller understanding of the full department's operations.
- The City Council adopted Resolution No. 1166 during the April 1, 2025 City Council meeting which puts a proposition on the August 5, 2025 ballot for the consideration of the creation of a Metropolitan Park District.

#### 8. Adjourn

Chair Keogh adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.