



## Historical Commission Minutes

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Wednesday, June 18, 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, Kimberly Goetz, Ed Holm, Tula'i Patane, Alan Tyler

Commissioners Absent (excused): Jon Halvorson

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

### 3. Land Acknowledgment

Commissioner Holm 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 April 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Holm motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

### 5. Public Comment

No public comment.

### 6. Business Items

**A. Review of Changes to Historic Register Property**

827 Lacey Street SE (Lacey Women's Club)

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho detailed the procedures for the design review process, the context for the property's original designation to the register, and an overview of the application.

The property owner provided a statement in favor of the application.

No statements in opposition were provided.

One public comment was given in appreciation of the applicant's demeanor in working with the Lacey Historical Society.

No rebuttals were given.

Staff recommended approval of the Certification of Appropriateness.

Chair Keogh provided a summary of the Commission's review.

After deliberation, Commissioner Goetz motioned to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness. Vice Chair Wyckoff seconded. Motioned carried.

**B. Recent Acquisitions**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

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

**C. Museum Summer Programs**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho shared the museum's planned summer programs.

**7. Reports**

**A. Lacey Historical Society**

The Lacey Historical Society reported:

- The Society now has 125 members.
- The Society's annual membership meeting will be on September 9, 2025.
- The organization is focused on updates to its website.

**B. Policy StEPs Committee**

The committee is on hiatus.

**C. Commissioners**

Commissioner Patane reported that Lacey Poly Fest will be June 27- 28, 2025 at the Regional Athletic Complex.

**D. Chair**

No report.

**E. Museum Curator**

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho reported:

- The owner of the Bowker House applied for a special tax valuation under RCW 84.26. The application did not meet the timeframe requirements.
- The memorandum of understanding between the City of Lacey and Thurston County has been fully executed, whereby the City will take over printing of *Water, Woods, and Prairies*.
- Work towards opening the new museum space continues: reader rails have been acquired, window murals were ordered, merchandise samples were obtained.
- Staff fulfilled a research request from a member of the Hawk family.
- The grand opening of the Olympia Arts and Heritage Alliance Museum is June 28, 2025.
- The Washington Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation released their 2025 virtual training program.

**F. Director**

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho gave the Director's report:

- The Lacey Community Foundation agenda item was removed from the May City Council agenda as discussions around the program continue.
- At the May 20, 2025 City Council Meeting Museum Curator Quinn Valcho shared the 2024 Museum Annual Report and celebrated May is History month. Director Burbidge gave a brief New Museum and Cultural Center report.
- The Department's summer programs have begun. To learn more about summer programs and events, visit [laceyparks.org](http://laceyparks.org).
- The Lacey Night Market is every other Friday at the Lacey Depot until October 31, 2025.
- Staff have been giving informational community presentations relevant to the Proposition 1, the ballot asking City of Lacey voters whether to create a Lacey Metropolitan Park District. Staff will present this to the Historical Commission during the July meeting.

- The Department will celebrate Parks and Recreation Month in July with special social media posts and at the July 15, 2025 City Council meeting, the Department's 2024 Annual Report will be presented that evening as well.

## **8. Adjourn**

Chair Keogh adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.