



## Historical Commission Minutes

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Wednesday, November 19, 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, David Shipley, Gary Montgomery, Avani Kumar

Commissioners Absent (unexcused): Tula'i Patane

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

### 3. Land Acknowledgment

Vice Chair Wyckoff read the land acknowledgment.

### 4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

#### A. Approval of the Agenda

Vice Chair Wyckoff moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Shipley seconded. Motion carried.

#### B. Approval of October 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Goetz moved to approve the minutes. Vice Chair Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

### 5. Public Comment

No public comment.

### 6. Business Items

**A. New Commissioner Introductions: Gary Montgomery and David Shipley**

Gary Montgomery, Commissioner

David Shipley, Commissioner

Commissioner Gary Montgomery and Commissioner David Shipley introduced themselves to the Commission.

**B. Historic Property Inventory**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented Lacey's historic property inventory, including a map of the properties that are on the inventory.

**C. Historic Property Special Valuation Application Review**

915 Bowker St SE, Lacey WA 98503

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented updates regarding the special valuation application.

Commissioner Shipley moved to recommend to City Council that they approve the Bowker House Special Valuation Application and Special Valuation Agreement, contingent upon receipt of requested documents from the property owner by December 1, 2025. Commissioner Holm seconded. Motion carried.

**D. 2025 Draft Historical Commission Accomplishments**

Jen Burbidge, Director

Director Burbidge presented the drafted 2025 Historical Commission accomplishments.

Commissioner Shipley moved to approve the 2025 Historical Commission accomplishments. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

**E. 2026 Draft Historical Commission Work Plan**

Jen Burbidge, Director

Director Burbidge presented the drafted 2026 Historical Commission Work Plan. The Commission will review an updated version of the Work Plan during their December meeting.

**F. 2026 Presiding Officer Nominations and Elections**

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Commissioner Goetz nominated Vice Chair Wyckoff for Chair. Commissioner Holm nominated Chair Keogh for Chair.

Commissioner Holm moved to delay the election for Chair until the December meeting. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Shipley moved to delay nominations and the election for Vice Chair until December. Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

## **7. Reports**

### **A. Lacey Historical Society**

No report.

### **B. Policy StEPs Committee**

The committee is on hiatus.

### **C. Commissioners**

No reports.

### **D. Chair**

No report.

### **E. Museum Curator**

Director Burbidge provided the Museum Curator report.

- Ahead of the official grand opening, private tours of the new Museum space will be offered for free starting December 4, 2025. A tour will be scheduled for Historical Commissioners soon.
- November's HistoryTalks! event was hosted by David Nicandri who spoke on the Northwest Passage. The event had 40 attendees.
- The planned November HistoryTalks! event will be hosted by Kyle Pittman who will present on Tribal Sovereignty and Federal Indian Policy.
- The Historical Commission will not hold its regular meeting in January but intends to meet at its regular time for the remainder of 2026.

### **F. Director**

Director Burbidge shared the Department's 2025 Quarter 3 program updates, and provided a summary of the Department's 2026 proposed budget.

## **8. Adjourn**

Chair Keogh adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.