



Historical Commission Minutes

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

Council Chambers and Online

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, Gary Montgomery, David Shipley

Commissioners Absent (excused): Tula'i Patane, Avani Kumar

Staff Present: Director Jen Burbidge, 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

Commissioner Shipley moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Motion carried.

B. Approval of November 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Shipley moved to have a grammatical error corrected in the minutes. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Shipley moved to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Business Items

A. McKinney Building Recommendation

Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator

Museum Curator Quinn Valcho presented the McKinney Building Recommendation.

Commissioner Shipley moved to recommend to the City Council that the McKinney building be removed due to its deterioration and lack of historical integrity, and in replace of it, in the future, create a sign with photos and the history of the building, and include a pull-out spot from the road to see the signage. Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Motion carried.

B. 2026 Draft Historical Commission Work Plan

Jen Burbidge, Director

Director Burbidge presented the 2026 Draft Historical Commission Work Plan.

Commissioner Shipley moved to add the America's 250th anniversary to the work plan. Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Goetz moved to approve the work plan as amended. Commissioner Shipley seconded. Motion carried.

C. 2026 Presiding Officer Nominations and Elections

Jen Burbidge, Director

Commissioner Shipley moved to elect Chair Keogh as Chair for 2026 and Vice Chair Wyckoff as Vice Chair for 2026. Commissioner Holm seconded.

Commissioner Holm voted in favor. Chair Keogh, Vice Chair Wyckoff, and Commissioner(s) Goetz, Montgomery, and Shipley voted against. Motion failed.

Commissioner Shipley moved to elect Vice Chair Wyckoff as Chair for 2026 and Chair Keogh as Vice Chair for 2026. Commissioner Montgomery seconded. Chair Keogh, Vice Chair Wyckoff, and Commissioner(s) Goetz, Montgomery, and Shipley voted in favor. Commissioner Holm voted against. Motion carried.

7. Reports

A. Lacey Historical Society

No report.

B. Policy StEPs Committee

The committee is on hiatus.

C. Commissioners

No report.

D. Chair

Chair Keogh shared appreciation for the Commission's recent tour of the new Lacey Museum space, and reminded Commissioners of the HistoryTalks! event scheduled for December 18, 2025.

E. Museum Curator

Director Burbidge provided the Museum Curator report.

The City Council approved the special valuation application and agreement for the Bowker House; the December 18, 2025 HistoryTalks! event will be presented by Kyle Pittman on Tribal Sovereignty and Federal Indian Policy; Thurston Talk is writing an article about the new museum opening; the Council's review of the Historical Commission's 2026 work plan has been rescheduled to February 24, 2026; the regular February meeting of the Historical Commission is cancelled accordingly.

F. Director

Director Burbidge thanked the Historical Commissioners for their contributions to the Lacey Museum and the Parks, Culture and Recreation Department during 2025.

8. Adjourn

Chair Keogh adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.