



Historical Commission Minutes

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Council Chambers and Online

1. Call to Order

Chair Wyckoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Chair Kevin Wyckoff, Vice Chair Jim Keogh, Kimberly Goetz, Gary Montgomery, David Shipley

Commissioners Absent (excused): Avani Kumar

Commissioners Absent (unexcused): Ed Holm

Staff Present: Director Jen Burbidge, 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

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

B. Approval of April 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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

5. Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Business Items

A. Lacey Historic Markers Map Layer

Jen Burbidge, Director

Director Burbidge presented staff recommendations for the first phase of the Lacey historic markers map layer. Commissioner Goetz moved that a narrower scope be used for the project's first phase and that sites represented on the map may be outside the City of Lacey and the Urban Growth Area, as appropriate. Commissioner Shipley seconded. Motion carried.

B. Tour of Museum Sites

Jen Burbidge, Director

Commissioners reached a consensus to postpone a tour until the research center is open.

C. Recent Acquisitions

Jen Burbidge, Director

Director Burbidge presented the recent acquisition. Commissioner Shipley moved to approve the recent acquisition. Commissioner Goetz seconded. Motion carried.

D. StEPs and Policy Committee

Jen Burbidge, Director

Director Burbidge presented context for the recommended disbandment of the StEPs and Policy Committee of the Historical Commission.

Commissioner Goetz moved to disband the StEPs and Policy Committee. Commissioner Shipley seconded. Motion carried.

7. Reports

A. Lacey Historical Society

No report.

B. Policy StEPs Committee

No report.

C. Commissioners

Commissioner Shipley plans to give a presentation of the locations featured on the drafted Lacey historical markers map layer to the Revel Retirement Community. Vice Chair Keogh visited several small museums on vacation, gaining interesting ideas and context for the Lacey Museum and Cultural Center.

D. Chair

No report.

E. Museum Curator

Director Burbidge provided the Museum Curator's report.

May's HistoryTalks! presentation was on the history of Olympia Pride; June's Museum craft was Jellyfish and July's is felt pennants; the Museum will be hosting a City-wide scavenger hunt this summer; the Museum's grand opening event was on June 13, 2026; the Collections Assistant new-hire started in June; the Historical Commission toured the Bowker House on May, 9 2026; Commissioner Shipley and Museum Curator Quinn Valcho attended the Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program training sponsored by the National Alliance of Historic Preservation; and the Museum now has its own dedicated Facebook and Instagram accounts.

F. Director

Director Burbidge reported that Historical Commissioner recruitment is still underway; Director Burbidge gave a presentation during the June 16, 2026 Council Meeting on the City's participation in the America250 celebration; the City's Communications department is leading Lacey's 60th Anniversary efforts; the 2026 State of the City and Advisory Board Recognition event was in May; and during the May 19, 2026 Council meeting, Museum Curator Quinn Valcho and Chair Wyckoff presented the Ken Balsley Lacey Historian of the Year award to Window Seat Media, the museum annual report, and the Jacob Smith House nomination, which was accepted.

8. Adjourn

Chair Wyckoff adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.