

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Seth Huff, Jim Keogh, Sarah Thirtyacre, and Alan Tyler.

Staff: Jennifer Burbidge, Parks and Recreation Director and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society; Sonja Cady, Ken Balsley, Grace Edwards, and Rob Kirkwood; Thurston County Historical Commission.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Erich Ebel.

AGENDA

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the agenda as written.

MINUTES

The January 20, 2020 minutes were not approved because a page was missing in the packet. The item is tabled until April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared that the Capital Heritage Projects were featured in this month's *Columbia* Magazine.

CORRESPONDENCE.

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. History Talks! Thursday, April 8, 6 p.m., Thurston County Homefront During WWI

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum project. Ms. Burbidge reported on recent project meeting items.

Landscape meeting (Jan. 29)

- Low maintenance plants that don't need much pruning
- Site will have irrigation (might be drip irrigation; it would help with LEED points)
- Plants will be mostly native and resilient
- Must meet City requirements for screening around the parking lots
- 3 western red cedars have been located
- 18" hedge will be planted at corner of Pacific and Lebanon, replacing boulders
- 9 hose bibs to be spaced evenly around the building.
- Flag pole will be lit, possibly solar-powered light (contribution by Sunrise Lions)

Event Consultation with community members and City staff (Jan. 29)

- Good quality speakers in event space
- Floor box covers need to be very strong and flat
- Dimmable LED lighting for the podium

- Use of drop power where possible in the lobby, hallway, and exhibit spaces
- Need mats at main doors (especially main entrance) with good drainage
- Three-phase power in kitchen (for coffee pots)
- Need ability to override all exterior lights for night events
- One main power source in the middle provides options for power at the site
- In-ground box for water access near the event tent and at least one water access point on every side of the building (avoid hoses across patio)

Design Development Meeting with KMB (Feb. 12)

- Monitoring wells removed per Department of Ecology (DOE); will have to do another one (location pending); goal is “No Further Action” from DOE
- Bid Package (BP) 1 submitted for permits on March 16
- Cost estimates are due March 25; final construction documents due May 17
- Lacey Sunrise Lions flagpole located, but not included in BP
- Janitor closet discussed will have a chemical dispenser, mop sink, shelving for supplies, room for cart, garbage can and hose.

Design Development Meeting with KMB (Feb. 26). Bid Package 1 will include:

- Removing existing utilities and installing temporary power pole and line for depot
- Remove building, parking lots, and the jagged concrete area
- Fill building removal area with gravel; either topsoil and hydroseed or gravel will be an alternate; gravel is ~\$30K more and is only temporary
- Minimal landscaping in front of the depot (remove rocks, add low bushes)
- Window added in exhibits (to view collections storage)

Design Development Meeting with KMB (Mar. 12)

- Reviewed hardware; selected easy to find options
- Quarantine room will not be pressurized
- In caregiver room, added full size mirror and replaced rocking chair with a couch
- Added pocket door between changing and core exhibit gallery
- Added key option to exterior doors at bathroom stall doors and caregiver room
- Next steps: electrical review with BCE (electrical engineers) and City; an updated cost estimate goes to estimator this week.
- The mayor mentioned a group forming in town a Lacey Foundation that would support this project. Jen would be happy to coordinate with the group. Exciting news to help with grants and fundraising.

Exhibits Meeting, Pacific Studio (Feb. 3)

- Ms. Quinn Valcho shared the 50% schematic design for exhibits.

b. Lacey Depot

- Large project sign is up
- Pet waste bags are already at the site
- City plans to host food trucks near depot to activate the site and build synergy
- Depot scheduled to open in May; however, may open in mid-April for food trucks (pending COVID restrictions)
- Virtual dedication Friday, March 19 at 7 p.m.

- c. Jacob Smith House nomination form update. Ms. Quinn Valcho is processing and uploading photos to the online portal. Once complete, she will schedule a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Thurston County interpretive panel proposal. Rob Kirkwood of the Thurston County Historical Commission shared a proposal to install interpretive panels at the RAC. Ms. Burbidge shared the project checklist. Mr. Ebel stated that two months would be needed to review the checklist with the proposal. After review, the Thurston County Historical Commission will be invited back to discuss again.
- b. Recent acquisitions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the recent acquisitions as presented.

- c. Council Worksession debrief.
- d. Commission on Equity. A new City of Lacey Commission with seven members.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs Committee. On hiatus.
- b. Archaeology Committee. On hiatus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Weaver reported:
- Meeting with accountant regarding status as a non-profit organization.
 - The Society received money from Norma Husk Estate, which can be used to pay for the benches now if needed.
- b. Others. None.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. History Talks March program had record-breaking turnout. Hired Felicia Rova-Chamroeun as museum educator.
- b. Commissioners.
- Commissioner Keogh: Sat in on the State's CLG historic district presentation on Spokane's district. They were considering redevelopment and density vs. historic districts.
- Commissioner Tyler: Thanked the Historical Society for the generous donation of the benches. He recommended faucets be in the ground rather than on the building.
- Commissioner Thirtyacre: Shared a link to the anthropology virtual conference.
- c. Chair. No report.
- d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported:
- Sign is up at the new museum site.
 - Asked commissioners to participate in and share the Lacey Cares outreach.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:00 p.m. remote meeting via Zoom.