

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 6:00pm

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom & City Hall

The Historical Commission meeting will be conducted both remotely and in-person. The public may attend the meeting in-person in the Council Chambers at Lacey City Hall located at 420 College St SE.

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Public comments may be submitted at <https://laceyparks.org/lacey-museum/historical-commission/> up to two hours prior to the start of the meeting. These will be sent to Commissioners prior to the meeting, but will not be read during the meeting.

Emailed correspondence that is received throughout the month will be included in the next available Historical Commission packet under Correspondence.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Additions or deletions to the agenda*
3. Introductions & Announcements
4. Minutes
 - a. Correction/Approval to the January 15, 2022 minutes*
5. Correspondence
 - a. Notter Family
6. Calendar of Events
7. Old Business
 - a. New Museum Project
 - b. Lacey Depot/Food Truck Plaza
8. New Business
 - a. Advisory Board Stiped Program Discussion – Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
 - b. Utility Wraps Project Update – Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager
 - c. Joint Worksession Debrief
 - d. Work Plan Update - McKinney House*
 - e. Historian of the Year

9. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - a. Policy/StEPs Committee – on hiatus
10. Public Comment
 - a. Lacey Historical Society
 - b. Others
11. Reports
 - a. Museum/Curator
 - b. Commissioners
 - c. Chair
 - d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director
12. Adjourn

**Items that require Commission action.*

The Museum enriches our community and engages visitors by sharing vibrant stories of the past through the preservation and celebration of Lacey and the South Sound region's cultural heritage.

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 18, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting via Zoom and City Hall

PRESENT

Commission: Janine Bermudez, Kimberly Goetz, Ed Holm, Jim Keogh, Tula'i Patane Alan Tyler, and Kevin Wyckoff.

Staff: Jennifer Burbidge, Parks, Cultural & Recreation Director; Sarah Smith, Executive Assistant; Felicia Rova-Chamroeun, Museum Coordinator; and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair Jim Keogh.

AGENDA

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

The following items were added to the agenda:

- February Commission Meeting

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Ms. Quinn Valcho introduced Museum Coordinator Felicia Rova-Chamroeun.
- b. Ms. Burbidge announced recruiting continues for the Commissioner position.

MINUTES

The December 21, 2022 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Museum Feedback Email.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Quinn Valcho announced details for the February History Talks! event.

Ms. Burbidge announced details for the February Joint Worksession with City Council.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge advised she and Ms. Quinn Valcho will be discussing potential funding opportunities at a future meeting with the Lacey Historical Society.
- b. Lacey Depot/Food Truck Plaza. Ms. Burbidge advised that food trucks are still operating and the Lacey Depot and train playground continue to have high visitation.
- c. LPCR Comprehensive Plan Update. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the draft of the plan that pertains to the museum and the Commission. Commissioners made suggestions and discussed the draft of the plan. A second draft will be reviewed at a future Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Museum Annual Report. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented the annual report to the Commission including museum attendance and program highlights for 2022.
- b. 2022 Strategic Plan Review. Ms. Quinn Valcho explained the Museum strategic plan versus the Commission workplan. She reviewed the 2022 strategic plan and shared the progress made during the year.
- c. 2023 Strategic Plan*. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the proposed 2023 strategic plan and Commissioners discussed the plan.

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to adopt the 2023 strategic plan.

Commissioner Wyckoff seconded. Motion carried.

- d. 2023 Commissioner Directory. Chair Keogh confirmed Commissioners reviewed the directory and that all contact information is accurate.
- e. February Commission Meeting. Commissioners discussed canceling the meeting.

Commissioner Goetz made a motion to cancel the February meeting.

Commissioner Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs. On hiatus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. None present.
- b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Report given in new business.
- b. Commissioners. Commissioner Tyler thanked Ms. Quinn Valcho for the annual report. Commissioner Wyckoff agreed.
- c. Chair. Chair Keogh updated Commissioners on the Regional Athletic Complex story panel progress.
- d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director. No report.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

February 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and City Hall.

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Reason for contacting

General Feedback

Message

I am letting your committee know of the death of our dad Lourence Notter of Lacey and our mom Shirley Notter in 2021. They have 3 of 4 children still living, my sister and brother of Lacey and me still in the Lacey area. They have 5 children and 7 greatgrand children in the Lacey area. My dad still had his aunt here too whom was raised in Lacey.
My Dad has a sister and four brothers of 7 children.
My brother and sister and I have Lacey History that we remember being raised in Lacey too.
Our dad's mom and her siblings were raised in Lacey in the Huntamer family too.
Thank you.

Daniel,

I am so sorry to hear about your father and mother's passing. Our hearts go out to you and your family. Thank you for sharing this information with us and your family's long connection to Lacey. I will add this information to the Notter file in the museum.

In deepest sympathy,
Erin Quinn Valcho

**Erin Quinn Valcho**

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**CITY OF LACEY
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
March 15, 2023**

SUBJECT: **Advisory Board Compensation & Demographic Data**

RECOMMENDATION: **Initial review and discussion only.**

STAFF CONTACT: Shannon Kelley-Fong, Assistant City Manager *SKF*

ATTACHMENTS: None

PRIOR REVIEW: None

FISCAL IMPACT: \$15,000 to \$40,000 based on initial estimates, subject to change as program is refined

2023 COE WORKPLAN: Q1 – 5 “Research and review potential compensation opportunities for advisory body members; create a recommendation for the Lacey City Council.”

BACKGROUND: The City of Lacey’s (“City”) advisory boards (including boards, commissions, task forces, ad hoc groups, etc.) serve as a critical point of community input in the City’s decision-making processes. The Lacey City Council appoints community representatives to a variety of boards that review and make recommendations on issues related to land use, zoning, parks, culture, recreation, library services, historical matters, and diversity, equity, and inclusion, animal services, lodging tax funding, youth perspectives, and civil service appeals. Currently, advisory board members serve as volunteers and do not receive a stipend or reimbursement of any kind to offset expenses like childcare, transportation, or internet access.

Given the time and resources it takes to perform the duties assigned to advisory boards, the City recognizes that barriers to participation could exist when asking community leaders to volunteer their time to provide input and direction. Providing stipends for advisory board services is one method local and state governments are increasingly using to offset resources expended to participate and attend advisory board meetings.

The City has nine (9) advisory boards (11 including regional boards) and can at times have ad hoc bodies, such as the Workgroup on Homelessness in 2020-2022.

The City Council Policies-Procedures Manual, Section 2.14, provides an overview of the City's advisory boards in more detail. The Boards and Commissions Handbook also provides additional details. Depending on the workplan, purview, and timeline, advisory boards can meet anywhere between 1 and 24+ times per year, see **Table A**.

TABLE A				
City of Lacey - Advisory boards including regional board				
Advisory Board	Members^^	General Meeting Frequency	Total meetings anticipated per year	Total meetings 2022 (includes joint meetings)
Park, Culture & Recreation Board	7	1x monthly	12	13
Capital Area Regional Public Facilities District Board*	1	As needed	1	1
Civil Service Commission	3	4x annually	4	4
Commission on Equity	7	1x monthly	12	16
Historical Commission	7	1x monthly	12	11
Law Enforcement Officers & Fire Fighters (LEOFF 1) Disability Board^	1	As needed	4-6	6
Library Board	5	4-6x annually	6	6
Planning Commission	9	2x monthly	24	18
Youth Council	15	2x monthly	18	20
Lodging Tax Committee (LTAC)	4	4x annually	4-6	7
JASCOM**	3	1x monthly	12	10
* Regional advisory board with one representative from Lacey, in addition to general representatives. ^Consists of five members, two members are Councilmembers, two members are active or retired City law enforcement, one member is general public. ^^ Does not include Youth Council members (except for Youth Council). ** Regional advisory board. *** There are currently no active ad hoc advisory boards.				

While number of meetings and their respective durations can fluctuate depending on workplan, materials, and content, using actual data from 2022, **Table B** provides the total number of meetings (not including joint meetings), the total time expended at meetings, and the average meeting duration in 2022. Notably, meeting time does not include pre-meeting preparation time, e.g., reviewing staff reports, supporting documents, municipal code, etc., as well as, time for travel or childcare arraignments.

TABLE B				
Advisory Board Meeting Time – 2022 Data				
Advisory Board	Members	Total meetings 2022 (does not include joint meetings)	Total hours expended	Average hours expended per meeting
Park, Culture & Recreation Board	7	11	14.9	1.4
Capital Area Regional Public Facilities District Board	1	1	0.7	0.7
Civil Service Commission	3	4	2.4	0.6
Commission on Equity	7	14	32.6	2.3
Historical Commission	7	10	11.7	1.2
Law Enforcement Officers & Fire Fighters (LEOFF 1) Disability Board	1	6	2.6	0.4
Library Board	5	6	4.0	0.7
Planning Commission	9	17	21.1	1.2
Youth Council	15	20	20	1
Lodging Tax Committee (LTAC)	4	7	8.3	1.2
JASCOM	3	10	7.6	1.2
TOTALS / AVERAGE	62	109	105.9	1.23

FIGURE 1: 2022 Advisory Board Meetings
Total Number of Meetings (not including joint meetings)

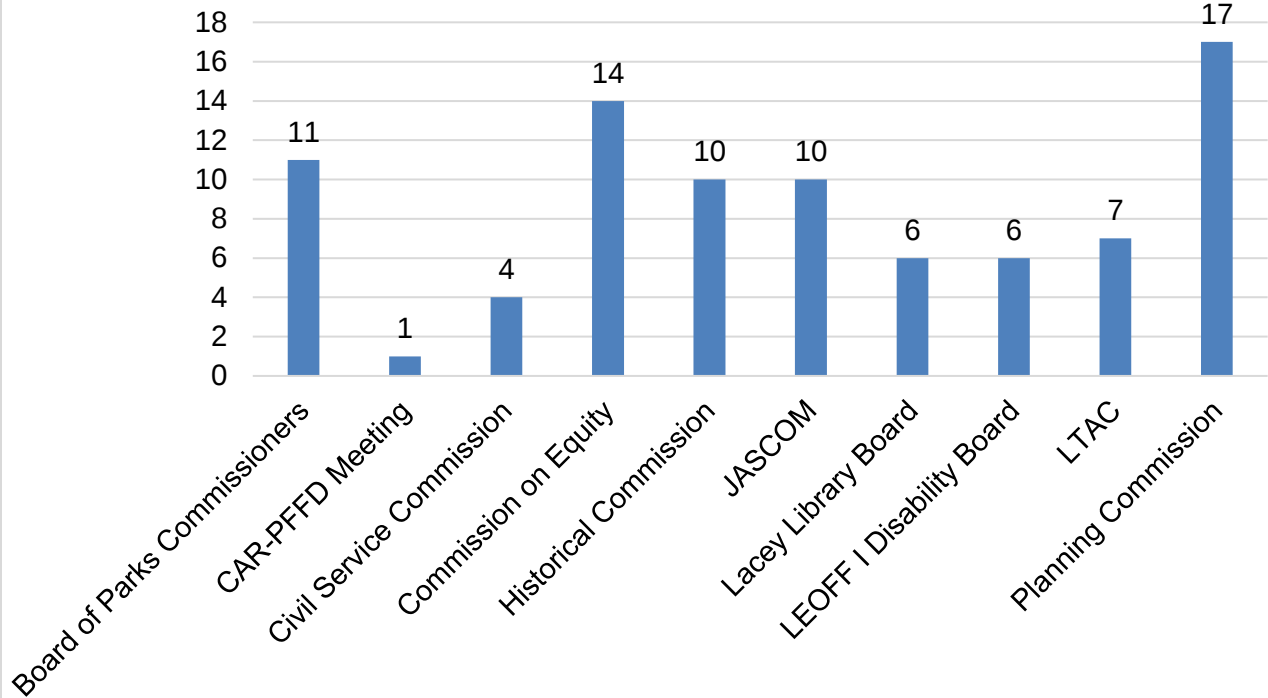
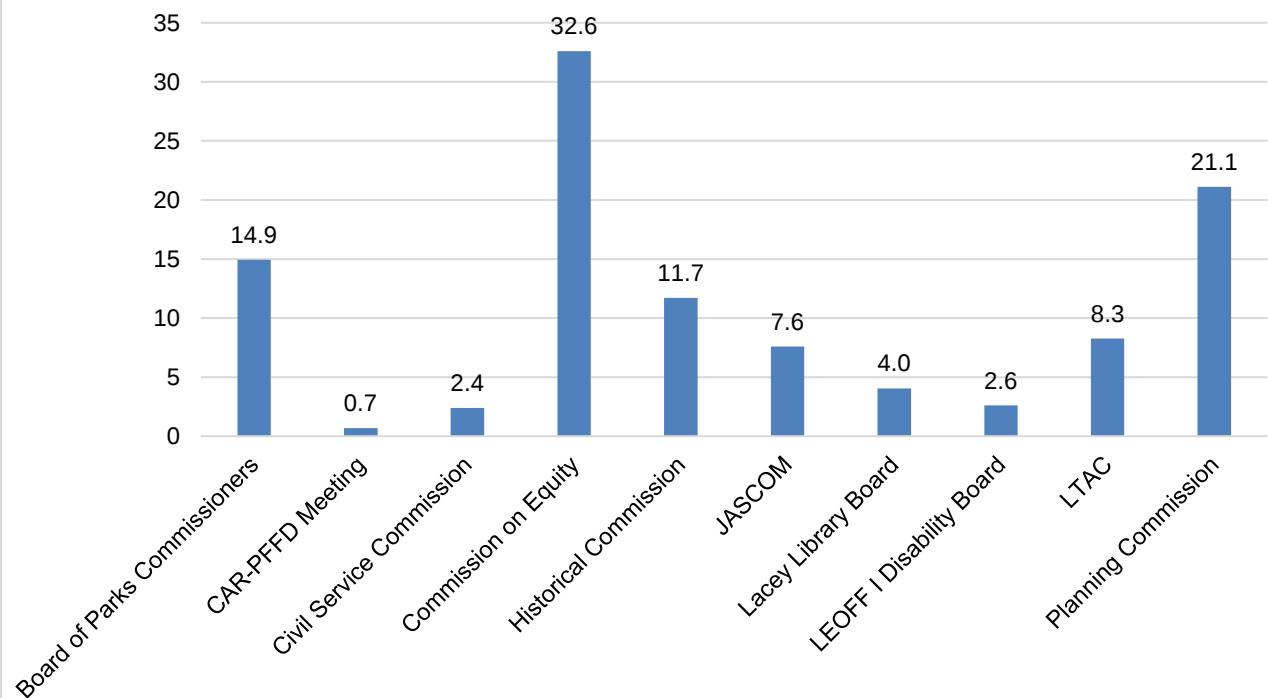
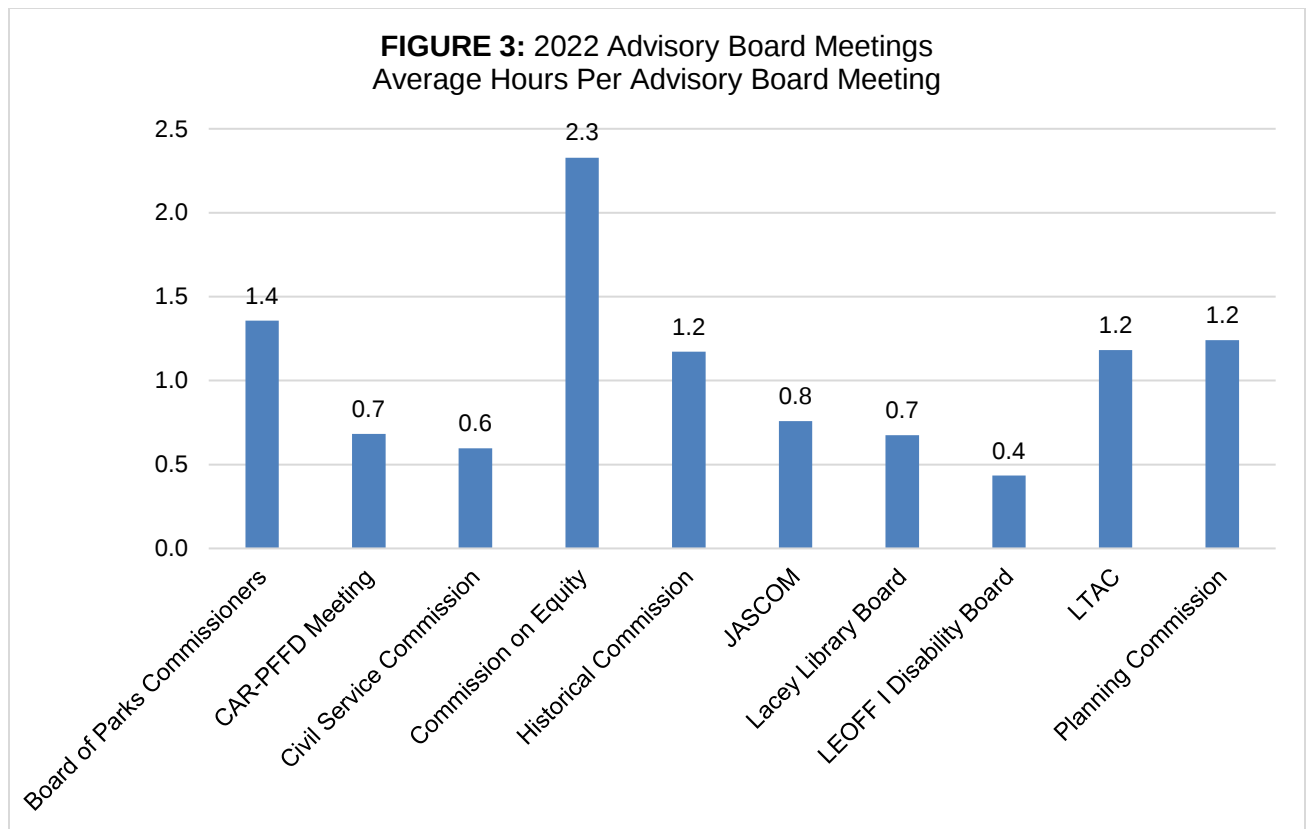


FIGURE 2: 2022 Advisory Board Meetings
Total Hours Expended Per Advisory Board





Stipend Program Overview. As a way to help reduce barriers to participation in government and increase representation on advisory boards, the City is evaluating providing stipends to advisory body members. The purpose of stipends would be to offset potential costs incurred by participating on the City's advisory bodies, including:

- Financial impact of attending meetings;
- Expenses for childcare coverage during the meetings;
- Expenses for transportation to meetings;
- Expenses for internet access to meetings; and
- Other direct financial impacts.

In addition, by getting more individuals serving on the City's advisory bodies, stipend programs may also benefit the City by reducing potential burnout of community leaders currently serving on boards.

As part of the City's evaluation of a stipend program, the City is reviewing the following elements:

1. Stipend Amounts. Stipends provided by other jurisdictions vary in amount.

Liability considerations. The City will be performing further diligence on the Volunteer Protection Act (VPA). The VPA protects volunteers from personal liability if, among other requirements, volunteers do not receive anything of value in lieu of compensation in excess of \$500. Offering more than that threshold means volunteers will not benefit from these protections.

Financial considerations. Stipend awardees vary between jurisdictions, e.g., some jurisdictions provide all members the same stipend, others jurisdictions provide stipends only to members experiencing financial hardships, and other jurisdictions provide tiers of stipends based financial circumstances.

2. Advisory Board Application. Jurisdictions vary on the application of stipends for various advisory boards, e.g., some jurisdictions provide stipends to all advisory boards, while other do not include certain advisory boards, like temporary or ad hoc boards. In addition to permanent and temporary boards, the City has several regional boards that will need to be considered.

3. There could be other considerations as well not outlined in the above.

Should the City implement a stipend program in any form, the City would need to create a method to track the stipends provided so there is an accurate accounting of stipends distributed for reporting purposes to individuals, as well as comply with all federal tax requirements. For payment, many existing programs consider advisory board members as vendors (required W-9 form).

Examples of Stipend Programs. The following provides a few select examples of existing advisory board stipend programs.

City of Bend: Provides stipends of \$40 for every advisory body member with attendance requirements, up to \$500.00.

City of Durham: Provides stipends for members of advisory bodies at a flat rate of \$50 per meeting with attendance requirements.

City of Olympia: Provides stipends of \$25 per meeting attended with the option to waive. Participants who certify self-certify as low-income receive \$50 per meeting attended.

Recommended Stipend Program.

1. **Stipend Amounts.** Depending on VPA discussions, provide a tiered stipend program similar to the City of Olympia based on meetings attended. Evaluate meeting data over the next few years to determine possible programmatic changes.
2. **Advisory Board Application.** Provide stipends to the following non-regional advisory boards:
 - Board of Park Commissioners
 - Civil Service Commission
 - Commission on Equity
 - Historical Commission
 - Law Enforcement Officers & Fire Fighters (LEOFF 1) Disability Board (excluding City Council members)
 - Library Board
 - Planning Commission
 - Youth Council
 - Lodging Tax Committee (LTAC) (excluding City Council members)

Evaluate expanding the program with regional partners moving forward.

Budget Impact. While the budget impact would change dependent on the option pursued, it is estimated that a stipend program would total between \$15,000 and \$40,000 to implement.

Other Considerations:

Municipal Code updates. If a stipend program is pursued, the City will likely need to update several sections of the Lacey Municipal Code (LMC) related to advisory boards. As an example, for the City Planning Commission, LMC 2.32.010(B) states:

“Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired terms. The members shall be selected without respect to political affiliations and they shall serve without compensation.”

For the Park, Culture & Recreation Board, LMC 2.44.020(D) states:

“The commission members shall not receive any salary or other compensation for services rendered on the commission, but necessary expenses actually incurred and within the budget as set by the annual budget ordinance shall be paid.

Demographic Data Collection. While implementing a stipend program, the City could also implement a strategy to capture demographic information of advisory boards to get a better sense of who is participating, or not participating, on City advisory boards. This information

would be helpful to determine the degree of unheard or underrepresented voices in the community and to use this information to evaluate programs and initiatives to help close gaps in representation on advisory boards.

RECOMMENDATION: Initial review and discussion only. The City's Commission on Equity requested input from other advisory boards on this topic.

TABLE C			
Advisory Board Meetings – 2022 Data			
Date	Meeting	Duration	Hours
1/4/2022	Planning Commission	0:51	0.85
1/5/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:44	1.74
1/12/2022	Lacey Library Board	0:23	0.39
1/18/2022	Commission on Equity Subcommittee	0:38	0.64
1/18/2022	Planning Commission	1:03	1.05
1/19/2022	Historical Commission	1:15	1.25
1/24/2022	Commission on Equity	1:55	1.93
2/1/2022	Planning Commission	1:01	1.02
2/7/2022	JASCOM	0:52	0.87
2/28/2022	Commission on Equity	2:59	2.98
3/1/2022	Planning Commission	1:25	1.43
3/2/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:27	1.45
3/7/2022	JASCOM	0:45	0.75
3/9/2022	Lacey Library Board	0:43	0.72
3/10/2022	LEOFF I Disability Board	0:47	0.80
3/14/2022	Civil Service Commission	1:00	1.01
3/15/2022	Planning Commission	1:41	1.69
3/15/2022	Commission on Equity	1:28	1.47
3/16/2022	Historical Commission	0:57	0.96
3/28/2022	Commission on Equity	2:23	2.40
4/4/2022	JASCOM	0:25	0.43
4/5/2022	Planning Commission	1:08	1.15
4/6/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:20	1.35
4/14/2022	LEOFF I Disability Board	0:59	1.00
4/19/2022	Planning Commission	1:05	1.09
4/20/2022	Historical Commission	1:04	1.08
4/25/2022	Commission on Equity	1:54	1.92
5/2/2022	Civil Service Commission	0:16	0.28
5/2/2022	JASCOM	0:44	0.75
5/3/2022	Planning Commission	1:19	1.33
5/4/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:10	1.17
5/11/2022	Lacey Library Board	0:52	0.88
5/17/2022	Planning Commission	1:16	1.27
5/23/2022	Commission on Equity	2:21	2.36
6/1/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:22	1.37
6/7/2022	Planning Commission	1:30	1.51

6/8/2022	Lacey Library Board	0:42	0.71
6/9/2022	LEOFF I Disability Board	0:01	0.03
6/15/2022	Historical Commission	0:45	0.76
6/17/2022	LTAC	0:54	0.90
6/21/2022	Planning Commission	1:41	1.69
6/27/2022	Commission on Equity	2:31	2.53
6/29/2022	JASCOM	1:53	1.89
7/6/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:56	1.94
7/14/2022	LEOFF I Disability Board	0:24	0.41
7/20/2022	Historical Commission	0:32	0.55
7/22/2022	LTAC	0:54	0.91
7/25/2022	Commission on Equity	2:52	2.87
7/29/2022	LTAC	0:20	0.34
8/1/2022	Civil Service Commission	0:23	0.39
8/1/2022	JASCOM	0:34	0.58
8/2/2022	Planning Commission	1:22	1.37
8/3/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:19	1.32
8/11/2022	LEOFF I Disability Board	0:14	0.24
8/17/2022	Historical Commission	0:52	0.88
8/22/2022	Commission on Equity	2:43	2.73
8/30/2022	CAR-PFFD Meeting	0:40	0.68
9/6/2022	Planning Commission	1:05	1.09
9/7/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:17	1.29
9/9/2022	LTAC	1:24	1.41
9/12/2022	JASCOM	0:40	0.68
9/14/2022	Lacey Library Board	0:42	0.70
9/16/2022	LTAC	1:40	1.67
9/21/2022	Historical Commission	1:28	1.47
9/23/2022	LTAC	2:12	2.20
9/26/2022	Commission on Equity	2:54	2.91
9/30/2022	LTAC	0:50	0.84
10/4/2022	Planning Commission	1:32	1.55
10/5/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	0:44	0.74
10/13/2022	LEOFF I Disability Board	0:07	0.13
10/18/2022	Planning Commission	1:06	1.11
10/19/2022	Historical Commission	1:32	1.55
10/24/2022	Commission on Equity	3:00	3.01
11/1/2022	Planning Commission	0:19	0.33
11/2/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:33	1.55

11/7/2022	Civil Service Commission	0:43	0.72
11/7/2022	JASCOM	0:21	0.35
11/9/2022	Lacey Library Board	0:39	0.65
11/14/2022	Commission on Equity	1:40	1.67
11/16/2022	Historical Commission	1:38	1.64
11/21/2022	JASCOM	0:54	0.90
11/28/2022	Commission on Equity	2:08	2.14
12/5/2022	JASCOM	0:23	0.39
12/6/2022	Planning Commission	1:35	1.59
12/7/2022	Board of Parks Commissioners	1:00	1.00
12/21/2022	Historical Commission	1:34	1.58
12/27/2022	Commission on Equity	1:40	1.67

These were the utility wrap profiles presented to the Commission on Equity on February 27, 2023. At the meeting, they approved all of these and added one more, Barbara O'Neill, who has yet to be researched.

Utility Wrap Presentation Slides

<https://cityoflacey.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/02/05-Utility-Wrap-Profiles.pdf>

Commission on Equity Meeting Video

<https://youtube.com/live/xXxm0wrfulk>

The utility wrap project presentation begins just before the 2 hour mark.

1984 Women's Olympic Marathon Trials

In 1981, the International Olympic Committee had finally decided to add the women's marathon to the upcoming 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Major cities began vying to host the trials and when Olympia threw its hat in the ring, the deck was stacked against them. But through the grit and determination of the local committee, Olympia was chosen. The communities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and beyond came together with 4,500 volunteers to make the event a success. 267 runners qualified and 196 runners finished the race. The winner of the trials, Joan Benoit Samuelson, would go on to win gold for the United States as the first women's Olympic games marathon champion.

Brodoff, Lisa and Lynn Grotzky

Lisa Brodoff is law professor at the Seattle University School of Law and her wife, Lynn Grotzky, is a clinical social worker in private practice. They have been together over 40 years and have two adult children. When their daughter, Evan, was born in 1987, they realized that Lynn, the non-biological parent would have no rights if something happened to Lisa. In 1989, they won a landmark second parent case, paving the way for same-sex parents to legally adopt here and throughout the nation. In 2007, they were registered as domestic partners when it became legal in Washington and then in 2012, they were first in line at midnight to get a marriage license when that became legal in Washington as well.

Carpenter, Hope Cecilia Svinth (1924-2010)

Writer, historian and Nisqually tribal elder, Cecilia Svinth Carpenter, was a public school teacher in Tacoma when she discovered that her students' textbooks were rife with errors. This began her lifelong journey of meticulously researching the tribe's history, using primary sources and original research, some of which took her to Washington, D. C. and even London. She wrote her first book in 1972, and continued researching and writing her entire life, earning her place as tribal historian. When she died in 2010 at the age of 85, she was in the process of writing two more books.

Clarkson, Virgil S. (1932-2022)

As the second longest serving council member (nearly 20 years) and first Black mayor, Clarkson was instrumental in the development of the Lacey Senior Center. He served six years as mayor and 4 years as Deputy Mayor. He made his mark on the community well before that when he fought for civil rights in the late 1960s to get open housing ordinances passed in Lacey, Olympia, Tumwater, and Thurston County.

Evergreen Ballroom (1931-2000)

Located east of Lacey on Pacific Avenue (then Highway 99), a perfect stop between Seattle and Portland, the Evergreen Ballroom was a legendary tour stop for decades of America's top musical performers. During the Great Depression, the Sholunds (the owners) in an effort to increase business, began to diversify the talent they booked to attract the African American servicemen from Fort Lewis. Not everyone appreciated this change and the building was torched in 1932 with rumors circulating that a local racist group was to blame. The Sholunds began rebuilding immediately, bigger and better. Acts that have played at "The Green" include Louis Armstrong, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Ray Charles, Etta James, B. B. King, Ike and Tina Turner and so many more. The Green was also the venue where "Louie, Louie" was first introduced to a public audience.

Fraser, Karen

Fraser had three firsts on Lacey City Council. At the time of her original appointment (she was later elected), she was the first woman and the youngest person to be on Lacey's City Council. In 1976, she was the first woman elected as mayor on Lacey's City Council. During her tenure, the City of Lacey built a new, permanent city hall, established the Lacey Museum and improved transportation infrastructure. Fraser went on to serve as Thurston County Commissioner, Washington state representative, and Washington state senator.

Fred U. Harris Lodge #70

The Fred U. Harris Lodge is a historically Black Freemason organization founded in the 1970s, but not recognized by a local "mainstream" lodge until 1993 as an "affiliate" because of their race. They "strive to exemplify appropriate leadership behaviors and demonstrate those behaviors throughout [their] daily lives." They promote Black History with a proclamation at Lacey City Council meetings each year in February and they have celebrated Juneteenth annually since 1983. The Lodge's Juneteenth event was held the last twelve years at the Regional Athletic Complex in Lacey.

Jose "DJ Luvva J" Salvador Gutierrez, Jr. (1976-2021)

Jose Salvador Gutierrez, Jr, served his community through countless roles using his gifts as a man of faith, an educator, advocate, mediator, leader, entertainer, philosopher and innovator. From River Ridge High School in Lacey, Jose went on to earn a triple major BA and three master's degrees in subjects ranging from communications and media production to business and education, but that was just the beginning. He later became a professor at Puget Sound Community College and Northwest Indian College. He was an activist in restorative justice and homelessness and founded a student organization, Black Men Making a Difference, and non-profit Hip-Hop for the Homeless in Washington state. He was a DJ at the Evergreen State College's KAOS, starting as a volunteer at age 12 and going on to become the musical director. He continued to volunteer and collaborate with them until his passing in 2021, when he lost his battle with COVID-19.

Hicks, Vivian Ingram (1907-1977) and Gladys Buroker (1914-2002), Pioneer Aviators

Vivian Ingram grew up in South Bay and was the first woman in southwest Washington to earn her pilot's license on November 5, 1931, although she had first flown solo in 1928. In 1932, she married Gwin F. Hicks of the pioneer Hicks family in Lacey, who she met when he signed up for his first flying lesson at her place of work, Quick Flying Service, in Centralia. Vivian and Gwin founded Empire Airlines in Idaho after World War II, one of the first commercial airline services in the Northwest.

Pioneer aviator Gladys Buroker learned to fly in 1932. She and husband, Herb Buroker, along with Gwin and Vivian Hicks, opened a flying service at the Olympia Airport in the 1930s (Buroker-Hicks Flying Service). Gladys taught at Saint Martin's College (now University) as a ground school instructor in the Civilian Pilot Training Program from 1939 to 1941, and was the first woman to teach at the school. With the outbreak of World War II, she continued her work inland at Pasco and then Coeur d'Alene where she trained pilots throughout the war.

Jackson, Nat and Thelma

The Jacksons grew up in the Jim Crow South and met in 1963 while attending Southern University in Louisiana. They moved to Washington when Thelma was recruited to work as an inhalation toxicologist at Battelle Northwest. In 1970, Nat was offered the opportunity to be the economic development specialist for the Washington State Office of Opportunity in Olympia. They realized quickly that Lacey, without the racially discriminatory real estate laws of other Thurston County communities, would be their home. Nat and Thelma Jackson have dedicated their lives to creating a better community in Lacey and beyond. They have worked to advance racial equity and systemic change to provide equal opportunities and affirmative actions in government, education, business, criminal justice, and health care.

Lacey-Mińsk Mazowiecki Sister City Association

The Sister City program was established in 2003 following formal action by Lacey City Council which set the groundwork for a community-based initiative. After considering many cities, the Mińsk Mazowiecki, Poland was chosen because of its similarities to Lacey in size and government structure and an enthusiasm for the cultural exchange. For the 20 years of the organization's existence, numerous visits between the two cities have taken place, which besides touring the cities and learning about each other's' cultures, included notable activities such as a joint concert between North Thurston High School and the Minsk-Mazowiecki Brass City Orchestra. In 2022, the organization raised money to assist the sister city with their support of about 1,000 Ukrainian refugees they took in during the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Lacey Women's Club (c. 1928- Present)

Founded in the late 1920s as the Home Demonstration Club, they officially organized February 5, 1930 with by-laws and the new name, the Lacey Women's Club. The club focused on community service, beginning with canned food drives and knitting socks for orphaned children at the Children's Farm Home in Lacey. For decades, the group has contributed its time, property, and money to support charitable causes, like the Fircrest School or making over 100 quilts for various groups. At the height of the depression, the women organized social events that attracted participants from all over the county and raised enough money to purchase land for their clubhouse which still stands today at 827 Lacey Street.

Liddell, Gene

Liddell served on the Lacey City Council from November 1987 through 1993 and was elected the first Filipina mayor of any city in the United States in 1991. As mayor, Liddell worked to promote diversity in the community and programs to assist disadvantaged women and youth, preservation and rehabilitation of the local environment, and it was during her time as mayor that Lacey was named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation^[SKF1], a distinction that the city has maintained every year since 1992.

Luther James (L. J.) Wyckoff (1881-1969)

Beginning in 1932, Wyckoff pioneered the first commercial cultivation of lavender in the United States at his farm on Chambers Prairie, near what is now the Horizon Pointe area in South Lacey. At the time, the quality of his lavender plants gained accolades from the prestigious Yardley and Co. of London. Lavender varieties known as Wyckoff Blue and Wyckoff White were developed by and named for him.

Lacey Historical Commission

2023 WORK PLAN

Approved December 21, 2022

Task	Responsible Commissioner	Staff Contact	Status	Target Completion date
NEW LACEY MUSEUM PROJECT				
1. Review & revise strategic plan for the museum.	All Commissioners	Jen Burbidge & Erin Quinn Valcho		January 2023
2. Support, advocate, and educate with consistent messaging regarding capital campaign	All Commissioners	Jen Burbidge & Erin Quinn Valcho		Ongoing.
LACEY MUSEUM				
1. Promote the Lacey Museum to build a network of supporting patrons who love history and the museum.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		Ongoing.
2. Assist staff with museum programs, tours and special events as needed.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		As needed.
3. Tour the Lacey Museum as a Commission.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		July 2023
MAY IS LACEY HISTORY MONTH				
1. Solicit, review and approve nominations for Lacey Historian of the Year.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		March-April 2023
2. Accept the Lacey History Month Proclamation at a City Council meeting.	Jim Keogh	Jen Burbidge		May 2023
LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES				
1. Update 1991 policies and procedures for the operation and guiding principles for the Historical Commission.	Ad Hoc Policy-StEPs Committee	Erin Quinn Valcho		
THURSTON THROWBACK				
1. Participate in development of event and staff the booth at the Thurston County Fair	To be identified.	Erin Quinn Valcho	Staff to report status of event by March 2023	August 6, 2023
POTENTIAL GRANTS				
<u>Nisqually Charitable Funds:</u>	N/A until decision made about applying	Erin Quinn Valcho		September 2023
HISTORIC PROPERTIES				
1. Identify at least two properties from the historic property inventory that could be added to the Lacey Historic Register.	N/A	Erin Quinn Valcho	Requires budget request.	2024
2. Research and develop a plan for the future of the McKinney House.		Jennifer Burbidge		
COMMISSION & TRIBAL RELATIONS				
1. Attend a Nisqually Tribal Council meeting upon invitation.	Identify Commissioners to attend and process for attendance.	Erin Quinn Valcho		
2. Attend a tribal community event (Nisqually or Squaxin Island)	Identify Commissioners to attend.	Erin Quinn Valcho		
RAC KIOSK				
1. Work with the Thurston County Historical Commission to develop an interpretive kiosk at the Regional Athletic Complex.	Jim Keogh	Erin Quinn Valcho	In progress	2023

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2023 PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE				
1. Participate in the development of the 2023 update as it relates to the museum and historic preservation.	All Commissioners	Jennifer Burbidge	In progress	2023

HISTORIAN OF THE YEAR
Approved by the Lacey Historical Commission on October 21, 2015

Accepting nominations for and selecting a "Historian of the Year" is a process by which the Mayor and Lacey City Council can recognize an individual or a group who has made a significant contribution to preserving the history and heritage of the citizens of Lacey.

This policy shall apply to the nomination and selection process by the Lacey Historical Commission to name a "Historian of the Year".

1. Nomination
 - a. The call for nominations should be made at least two months prior to the first day of Lacey History month.
 - b. Nomination forms may be submitted by Lacey Historical Commissioners, the Museum Curator, the Lacey Historical Society, city council members, and the public at large.
 - c. Nomination forms shall be submitted to the Lacey Historical Commission, due one month prior to the first day of Lacey History Month. This allows sufficient time for copies of nomination forms to be included in the monthly agenda packet.
 - d. All nomination forms submitted shall be reviewed by the Lacey Historical Commission at the regular monthly Commission meeting.
2. Selection
 - a. The criteria for selection shall be based on the individual's or group's significant contribution to the promotion or preservation of Lacey's history.
 - a. Criteria may include but is not limited to: hours/time, duration, significance, donation of tangible property or monetary contribution.
 - b. The selection shall be made by the majority vote of commissioners, provided a quorum is present.
 - c. No individual shall be selected more than once.
 - d. The preference is to select only one Historian of the Year each year. (Two or more individuals or a group (family, corporation, etc.) may be nominated on the same nomination form for a joint contribution, project or program).
3. Presentation
 - a. The honoree will be recognized as the Lacey Historian of the Year at a City Council meeting.

This procedure shall apply to the nomination and selection process by the Lacey Historical Commission to name a "Historian of the Year".

1. Nomination Process
 - a. A call for Nominations shall be announced by press release, on the City website, and by making nomination forms available at the museum and city hall.
 - b. The nomination form is a standard form, which may be altered upon the majority vote of the Commission, at least 90 days prior to the call for nominations.
 - c. Nomination forms shall be available on the city website, at events and in community buildings.
2. Selection Process
 - a. The honoree selected shall not be named publicly before the presentation.
3. Presentation
 - a. A presentation of the accomplishments and/or activities of the Historian of the Year that led to selection shall be made at a City council meeting.
 - b. The city shall issue a press release the day following the city council meeting presentation announcing the Historian of the Year, and post the announcement on the city web site.



Lacey Historian of the Year

Nomination form

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

- ☐ Lacey Historical Commission
- ☐ Lacey Museum Curator/Staff
- ☐ Lacey Historical Society
- ☐ Lacey Citizen
- ☐ Lacey City Council Member/Mayor

Describe the significant contribution by the Nominee to the preservation or promotion of Lacey's history (attach additional page if necessary):

Nominations will be considered by the Lacey Historical Commission at the regular monthly meeting in June. The selection shall be made by the majority vote of Commissioners present at the regular meeting. The Historical Commission is not obligated to select a Lacey Historian of the Year from the nominations submitted, if, in the opinion of the Commissioners, the nominee has not made a significant contribution to the preservation or promotion of Lacey's history.

Nominations are due by March 31st.

Submit to: Lacey Historical Commission
c/o Lacey Parks & Recreation Department
420 College St. SE
Lacey, WA 98503-1238