

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2016 6:00 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

## **PRESENT**

Commission: Yasemin Alptekin, Erich Ebel, Joseph Govednik, Nathan Hunt, Kristina Trebil and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Fermnell Dowell III, Amber Granger.

Staff: Erin Quinn Valcho.

Historical Society: Shirley Dziedzic and Michael O'Keefe.

Public: Shirley Binkley; Aaron Davenport; Alycia Davenport; Kevin Davenport; Tamara Hayes, Olympia Brewhouse Foundation; and Rob Kirkwood, Olympia Brewhouse Foundation.

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

## **AGENDA**

Two items were added to the agenda:

6a. Letter from Amber Granger.

8f. Commissioner ID badges.

Item 7 will be considered after 10b where we will discuss changes to the calendar.

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

## **MINUTES**

The February 17, 2016 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Certificate of Appreciation for Aaron Davenport. Ms. Quinn Valcho introduced Mr. Davenport and described the donation box project that he completed for his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Ebel thanked him for his exemplary project and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.
- b. Welcome new Commissioner, Nathan Hunt. Commissioners and guests introduced themselves to Mr. Hunt. A new contact sheet was distributed.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Lacey Historical Society (LHS).

- a. Mr. O'Keefe reported that the LHS spring newsletter will be published in early May. He asked Ms. Quinn Valcho to send event information to President Lanny Weaver for inclusion in the newsletter.
- b. Mrs. Dziedzic provided a quick synopsis of some Lacey history for the newcomers. She also requested that the Fleetwood marker be located in a more visible location with ease of access so that it can be known to this generation.

Others: None.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Ms. Quinn Valcho read the letter of resignation from Miss Granger.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Old Brewhouse Foundation (OBF) project presentation. Ms. Hayes and Mr. Kirkwood gave a presentation on the Old Brewhouse, the status of its preservation and their organization's hopes for the future of the site. They described their mobile museum project and their 2016 grant to complete the second side where they would like to promote heritage tourism in the region. After fielding a number of questions from the Commissioners, they asked the Commission to provide a poster describing the Lacey Museum.

**Motion carried: To approve creation of a poster for the OBF mobile museum.**

- b. Report on City Council worksession. Mr. Ebel reported that he presented the 2015 accomplishments and the 2015 work plan to the City Council at a worksession on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. They asked some questions; the Mayor was interested in the status of the Chambers Prairie cabin.
- c. Report on CLG Commissioner Training. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that Commissioners Alptekin, Ebel and Trebil attended CLG Training with her on Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> in Tacoma. The attendees learned about CLG Grants, identifying mid-century Modern Resources, Commission meetings procedures, and the Secretary of the Interior's standards for historic preservation. Ms. Alptekin reported that she would like to apply for the 2016 CLG grant to create curriculum and activities for teachers to make it easier for them to teach Lacey history. After much discussion, the Commission decided that this was probably not the year for this project with so many other things going on.

**Motion to write a 2016 CLG grant to create school curriculum did not pass.**

- d. Review Temporary Custody policy. Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed the policy that was approved by the Ad Hoc policy committee at their last meeting.

**Motion carried: To approve the Temporary Custody policy.**

- e. Fleetwood Marker location. Ms. Quinn Valcho showed a map of the park and described the three location options that park staff gave to her. The Fleetwood family would prefer that the marker be closer to the community and senior centers so that more people will be able to access it. Ms. Quinn Valcho has asked the parks staff to reconsider some closer locations. The matter was tabled until consensus can be reached.
- f. Commissioner ID badges. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that all Commissioners are supposed to have ID badges. It was determined that all Commissioners except Mr. Dowell, Mr. Hunt and Ms. Trebil have badges. Ms. Quinn Valcho will send the information into the IS department and ask that the Commissioners in need of badges drop by during business hours to get one.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Update on Chamber's Prairie Cabin Logs. Ms. Quinn Valcho and Ms. Binkley visited the logs at the trailer site to see the condition of them. Ms. Valcho shared the photos with the Commissioners. There are very few examples of hewn log construction even though this method was very common in the Pacific Northwest. Everyone agreed that what is left should be preserved and that we should find a use for them in the future.

- b. Thurston County History Journal update. Ms. Valcho provided a short background on the journal project and reported that the organizers had asked that we ask our groups what method we would prefer for distribution and whether on online version should be free or paid.

**Motion carried: To defer to the Museum Curator's decision on this matter.**

### **Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Policy/StEPs. Ms. Trebil reported that the next committee meeting is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Valcho informed the Commission that they would be provided a StEPs update when we completed the Audience section.
- b. Lacey Days. Mr. Ebel reported that the Committee did not meet this month and asked everyone for their input on a meeting day and time to review the event plan in-depth. It was determined that the next meeting will be on Monday, March 28, from 6-8 p.m.
- c. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that she and other members of the Executive Committee would be presenting the progress of the Committee to City Council at their worksession on March 17<sup>th</sup>. She also reported that the Historic Committee had published another article on Panorama and that next month's article would be on Lacey's early history, From Community to City Part 1 of 3. She announced that the Committee was excited to hear that the funds they asked for to complete a traveling exhibit would be received. Mr. Tyler announced that he would be unable to fulfill his duties as the Commission representative and asked another Commissioner to take his place. The Commissioners asked for some time to think about it. Ms. Trebil agreed to attend the next meeting until a replacement could be determined.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Review Revised 2016 Calendar. The calendar was revised with the changes made above.

**Motion carried: To approve the 2016 calendar with the deletion of the March 16 ad hoc meeting and the addition of the March 28 ad hoc meeting.**

### **STAFF/MUSEUM REPORT**

Ms. Quinn Valcho highlighted the following from her written report:

- 39 visitors at the Museum last month, including 15 walk-ins, 6 for museum business and 18 people on tours
- Erin completed 5 customer service requests and spent about 20 hours on them. There are about 10 open orders; it seems that requests have picked up.
- Volunteers gave almost 116 hours to the museum & commission last month. The increase is attributed to the intern hours.
- Erin printed 250 rack cards for the OLTCVB

Ms. Quinn Valcho also reported that she returned an encyclopedic dictionary to Mari Fleetwood.

## **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Mr. Ebel shared copies of the *Columbia* magazine with the Commissioners.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Ebel asked for an update on Ms. Flemm. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that she was in City Hall today to meet with the City Manager and she was looking good. No official word on when she might return.

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, April 20, 2016, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.