

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Jeff Crane, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Seth Huff, Thomas Smith, Sarah Thirtyacre.

Excused: Roemello Chavez and Alan Tyler

Staff: Jennifer Burbidge, Parks and Recreation Director; Carolyn Elliott, Office Assistant; Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator; Rick Walk, Community Development Director and Sarah Schelling, Community Development Associate Planner

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society and Ken Balsley, Thurston County Historical Commission

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

AGENDA

Item 8a Historical Commission's Role in Planning, 8c Thurston County Historical grant program changes and 10a public comment were moved up in the agenda to item 3b.

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

MINUTES

The April 17, 2019 minutes were approved as amended and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Heritage Capital Grant status. Our project is in the budget passed by the Legislature, now we are waiting for the Governor to sign it.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No updates.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Depot Trail Amenity.
 - The pre-construction meeting will be June 13.
 - The contractors have six months to complete the project.
 - Ms. Burbidge will coordinate a site visit with the Commission.
 - Ms. Burbidge will share the inadvertent discovery policy with the Capital Facilities Manager.
- b. New Museum project. Ms. Burbidge reviewed the structural report.
- c. Strategic Plan Review. The Commission reviewed the fourth goal.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Historical Commission's Role in Planning.(Rick Walk & Sarah Schelling)

Ms. Quinn Valcho reviewed:

- The Historical Commissions roles and responsibilities in Planning
- The differences between Historical Commission and Historical Society
- Definitions of CLG (Certified Local Government)

Sarah Schelling presented the three different processes for application permits and how these processes applies to Lacey Historical Commission, inventory properties and the Lacey Historical neighborhood.

Ms. Burbidge shared the next steps:

- Update historic property inventory which is on the work plan (Ms. Quinn Valcho has a volunteer currently working on this)
- Digitizing the data and creating a map
- Formalizing review procedures

Mr. Walk updated the Commission on a new GIS based tracking system that will assist in updating the inventory. It will be beneficial in alerting staff of historical properties when doing permit reviews.

b. Recent acquisitions.

Motion carried: To approve recent acquisitions.

c. Thurston County Historical Commission (TCHC) grant changes (Ken Balsley)

- TCHC would like to have a joint meeting.
- TCHC has increased their grant award money from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- TCHC is looking for new members.
- TCHC has published a book on Thurston County History, but it is currently in storage while it is determined if a book published with public funds can be sold by non-profit groups.
- Mr. Balsley told the Commissioners that according to his records the Lacey Historical Commission would be forty years old in October.

d. Historian of the Year. Ms. Quinn Valcho reminded the Commission that Historian of the Year nominations are due by May 31, a press release went out May 1. It is important for everyone to attend the next meeting since it will be the only opportunity to vote on this.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ### a. Policy/StEPs.
- Ms. Geotz reported no meeting last month and the committee will take the summer off. Meetings will resume in the fall.

PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Lanny Weaver reported:

- Her condolences on the death of Jim Sheler.
- She did some research on 728 Bowker Street (Prine House).
- At the annual meeting, which the theme is schools, the new Lacey Elementary will be at the event.

b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho gave highlights from her written report.
- b. Commissioners.
Ms. Thirtyacre: May 16, the Olympia Film Society is presenting the 2019 Historic Preservation Awards. Jacki Wahl, the THPO for Nisqually is receiving an award.
Mr. Huff: He reported that the City of Lacey has AAA rating and is a very good steward of public money. Many new businesses are coming to the city.
- c. Chair. No report
- d. Parks & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported on past and upcoming events.
 - STEM Fair was May 4th at Huntamer Park they had a record turnout.
 - Lacey Spring Fun Fair, May 18-19 at Saint Martin's University.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall