

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

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

Excused: Kimberly Goetz.

Staff: Jennifer Burbidge, Parks and Recreation Director; Carolyn Elliott, Office Assistant; Ashley Smith, Capital Projects Manager; and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society; Ruben Nuñez, KMB Architects; and Margaret Henry, Squaxin Island Tribe.

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 October 21, 2020 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. Friday, November 20, 6:00 p.m., History Talks: Billy Gohl, Labor and Brutal Times in the Pacific Northwest, Dr. Aaron Goings.
- b. Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 p.m., History Talks: Thurston County's Recent Past: Shaping Today with Ken Balsley.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum project.

Ruben Nuñez presented the Design Development package. Questions and comments included:

- Is there enough site lighting? Will the lighting be similar to the depot?
- Are there too many trees for safety concerns?
- Consider not having an angled staircase
- Consider not having back of house open concept
- More information requested on up-lighting south of the building
- Should there be a door on the exhibit shop?
- Would like to see a historic map overlay on display in the museum
- Where will the storm water drainage be?
- How sustainable is the project?

- Should there be more real estate for the flagpole? Will there be interpretive signage?
 - A shade tree south of the depot would be better than a small tree that takes up room for people attending events.
 - Squaxin tribe would prefer people not walk on the Medicine Creek treaty words or words of Billy Frank Jr., might be considered disrespectful
 - Is collections storage big enough?
 - The Lacey Historical Society has \$11,000 to contribute to the project to honor past residents. Probably memorial benches or similar.
- b. Depot Trail Amenity. Ms. Burbidge announced that as of today the depot and playground passed the safety inspection. She will talk with the City Manager regarding taking down the fencing and the opening the facility.
- c. Museum Name Update.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to recommend naming the museum Lacey Museum and Cultural Center.

Ms. Burbidge will look at what the next steps are and bring back those findings to the Commission next month.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2020 Accomplishments. The Commission will take the next month to review and email any proposed changes to Ms. Quinn Valcho.
- a. 2020 Work Plan Status Update & 2020 Work Plan Discussion.
The Commission will take the next month to review and propose changes.
- b. Nominations for 2021 Officers.
Mr. Ebel asked for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chair.
Mr. Huff nominated Sarah Thirtyacre. No other nominations were received.

Motion carried: Elect Sarah Thirtyacre as Vice-Chair of Lacey Historical Commission.

Mr. Black nominated Erich Ebel for Chair. No other nominations were received.

Motion carried: Elect Erich Ebel as Chair of Lacey Historical Commission.

- c. Jacob Smith House nomination form. Mr. Black and Ms. Thirtyacre took a tour of the Jacob Smith House and went through the documents. They will schedule a meeting with Ms. Quinn Valcho to discuss next steps.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Weaver reported that their newsletter is finished; they will be sending it out electronically this time.
- b. Others. No written comments received.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared highlights of her report.

- b. Commissioners. *Commissioner Tyler* reported that the Depot playground looks amazing and encourages everyone to stop and have a look.
- c. Chair. No Report.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director. No Report.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, December 16, 6:00 p.m. remote meeting via Zoom.