

LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. REMOTE ATTENDANCE

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AGENDA

4:00 HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL JOINT WORKSESSION

- 2020 Key Accomplishments & Noteworthy Achievements
- 2021 Work Plan
- HERITAGE CAPITAL GRANT UPDATE

ERICH EBEL, HISTORICAL COMMISSION CHAIR JEN BURBIDGE, PARKS, CULTURE & RECREATION DIRECTOR (STAFF REPORT)

4:45 TUMWATER BREWERY WATER RIGHTS AND RELATED ASSETS

PETER BROOKS, WATER RESOURCES MANAGER (PRESENTATION)

5:30 CORRESPONDENCE ON BEHALF OF THE JOHNSON FAMILY

SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER (BRIEFING)

5:35 Invitation to a Community Conversation on Racial Justice

SCOTT SPENCE, CITY MANAGER (BRIEFING)

5:45 LACEY'S HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REPORT (CARES ACT ROUND 2)

RICK WALK, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR (DISCUSSION)

6:00 ADJOURN



LACEY CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION March 11, 2021

SUBJECT: Historical Commissioners 2020 Accomplishments and 2021

Work Plan

RECOMMENDATION: Acknowledge the Historical Commissioners 2020 Key

Accomplishments and Noteworthy Achievements and accept

the 2021 Work Plan.

STAFF CONTACT: Scott Spence, City Manager

Jen Burbidge, Parks, Culture and Recreation Director

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ORIGINATED BY: City Manager & Parks, Culture and Recreation Department

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 2020 Key Accomplishments & Noteworthy Achievements

2. 2021 Work Plan

3. List of current Historical Commissioners

PRIOR REVIEW: The Historical Commissioners identified and reviewed the 2020

Key Accomplishments and Noteworthy Achievements and formulated their 2021 Work Plan at their regular monthly

meetings, and approved the final versions on December 16, 2020.

BACKGROUND:

The Historical Commission provides leadership in raising awareness of Lacey's history and preservation of local historic resources. The Commission guides the creation of public education and interpretive programs, encourages preservation of items and properties that are of historical significance, and reviews nominations to the Lacey Register of Historic Places.

Each year the Historical Commission identifies priorities for the upcoming year and reports out a yearly work plan to the full City Council.

ADVANTAGES:

1. City Council is advised of the work accomplished by the Historical Commission in 2020 and the scheduled activities for 2021.

DISADVANTAGES:

1. None identified.

2020 Key Accomplishments & Noteworthy Achievements City of Lacey Historical Commission

Approved by the Historical Commission on December 16, 2020

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

New Lacey Museum Project & Depot Trail Amenity

- Lacey City Council and the Historical Commission held a joint work session February 6.
- KMB Architects presented a cost analysis for the museum. Two paths became clear, working within the grant amount or requiring additional investment to renovate the existing building. Knowing it would be difficult to fundraise for the higher amount, it was determined that the new museum would be built in a smaller footprint on a different location on the site.
- The Commission reviewed and approved the schematic design, which was brought to a joint worksession with Council on August 6, where Council approved the direction. The project was in Design Development through the end of the year.
- The Depot Trail Amenity, a reconstruction of the original historic Lacey train depot, was completed in September.
- The adjacent train-themed playground was installed with volunteer labor from the Lacey Rotary Club, which also donated \$50,000 toward the project.
- Interpretive markers sharing the history of the train depot and the Lacey Plywood Company were installed at the historic location.
- The depot and playground are expected to open to the public January 1.
- The Commission approved the name for the new museum: Lacey Museum and Cultural Center.

Lacey Museum

Like everyone in the museum industry, the Lacey Museum had a challenging year in the face of a global pandemic. The museum was closed for most of the year, but for the five weeks the museum was open (February 6 – March 12), there were 63 visitors. Although it looked promising, there is no way to know if the success of 2019 would have carried the momentum of 2019 through to 2020.

- The 2020 History Talks! Speaker Series saw **272** participants This compares to **264** participants in 2019. This was a very successful year for the series even with the challenges. January and February talks were held in person and then the rest of the season was canceled. The 2020-21 season began with virtual presentations.
- **5** new acquisitions were reviewed and approved by the Commission. This represents approximately **40** new items.
- 4 volunteers gave 78 hours to the museum, a tenth of what is usual in a normal year. Volunteers stopped working in March and were not allowed to return in 2020.
- Work continued on cataloguing the museum's collections into the museum's
 database. 120 records were entered. Most of that work was halted when volunteers
 stopped working mid-March. Staff focused on digitization, particularly because this is
 how the public was going to engage with the museum's collection for some time.
 There were 5,041 photographs or scans attached to the database in 2020. (This
 number is somewhat inflated since there were a number of duplicates created during
 the database migration process.)

- **550** searches were conducted on the online collections portal in 2020 (up **10%**).
- Staff spent **140** hours (or 17.5 days) filling **34** customer service requests. Although this time is **more time** than was spent last year, the number of requests is just **under half** of the number in 2019.
- The in-person events that had been planned for 2020 were canceled due to COVID-19
- The Commission reviewed, updated and approved the 10-year strategic plan for the museum.
- The City hired a consultant to develop a new museum logo and website.

Lacey History Month

- Mayor Ryder proclaimed September as Lacey History Month and staff accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Commissioners. At the same meeting, the City acknowledged August as Women's Suffrage Month in celebration of the 100th anniversary of women getting the vote in the United States.
- Marisa Merkel received the 2020 Historian of the Year award.

Grants

- The City was awarded a \$10,000 Thurston County Heritage grant to continue work on cataloguing the Lacey Leader negative collection. To date 3,260 records (representing 12,228 strips and 53,400 images) have been entered for this project. This project is nearing the end of cataloguing which is expected to be complete in 2021. Digitization was the main focus of staff this year and so far 6,967 images have been scanned and 1,843 attached to the database. The City applied for a \$5,000 grant (the maximum allowed) to continue this project in 2021.
- The City applied for a \$607,709 Heritage Capital Grant to fund a portion of preparing the new museum site for construction, including removal of the existing warehouse building.
- The City submitted a Nisqually Tribe Charitable Funds request for \$11,990 to pay for LEED Commissioning for the new museum project.

Historic Properties

- The Jacob Smith House gutters were in disrepair. The Commission reviewed the issue and determined that they should be patched. In the meantime, staff will research a historically appropriate replacement.
- Commissioners Black and Thirtyacre are working on writing a revised nomination form for the Jacob Smith House to make future design reviews clearer.
- The Bowker House owners requested a change in siding materials. The change was approved by the Commission.

Other accomplishments not on the 2019 Work Plan

- Commissioner Jim Keogh joined the Commission. The Commission said goodbye to Commissioner Dr. Jeff Crane and youth representative Seiji Naotsuka.
- The Lacey Historical Society offered to pay for an interpretive marker at the Jacob Smith House. The Society is working with staff to accomplish this.

Lacey Historical Commission WORK PLAN for 2021

Approved on December 16, 2020

Task	Responsible Commissioner	Staff Contact	Status	Target Completion date
NEW LACEY MUSEUM PROJECT				
1. Assist City staff and elected officials in the development of the timeline, site plan, programming priorities and character of the new museum.	All Commissioners	Jen Burbidge & Erin Quinn Valcho		May 2021
2. Review & revise strategic plan for the museum.	All Commissioners	Jen Burbidge & Erin Quinn Valcho		January 2021
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. Serve as volunteer docents and offer guided tours to visitors at the museum and during special events as needed.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		As needed.
3. Assist staff with museum programming as needed.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		
LACEY DEPOT				
1. Develop a policy for use of the Lacey Depot		Jen Burbidge		Spring 2021
MAY IS LACEY HISTORY MONTH				
Solicit, review and approve nominations for Lacey Historian of the Year.	All Commissioners	Erin Quinn Valcho		March-April
2. Accept the Lacey History Month Proclamation at a City Council meeting.	Chair	Jen Burbidge		
LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION POLICIES AND PRO	CEDURES			
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				
Participate in development and staff a booth at the Thurston County Fairgrounds	Erich Ebel	Erin Quinn Valcho		August 2021
CHAMBERS PRAIRIE CABIN	1	•		
1. Continue researching the preservation opportunities and potential use of portions of the cabin in a new exhibit at the Lacey Museum at the Depot.	Volunteer: Shirley Binkley?	Erin Quinn Valcho		
GRANTS (Consider projects for the following grant funds)				
<u>Valerie Sivinski grant</u> :		Jennifer Burbidge		October 2021
Thurston County Heritage Grant:		Erin Quinn Valcho	Applied for continuing the Lacey Leader project.	August 31, 2021?
CLG Grant:		Erin Quinn Valcho	Proposed Project: consultant to update historic property inventory	May 2021?
Nisqually Charitable Funds:		Erin Quinn Valcho		September 2021?
BNSF Grant:		Jen Burbidge		
Capital Heritage Grant: (off cycle year)	All Commissioners	Jen Burbidge & Erin Quinn Valcho	Waiting to hear on funding by legislature	
William G. Pomeroy Foundation, National Register Signage		Erin Quinn Valcho	Signage at the pioneer cemetery	
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HISTORIC PROPERTIES	I		<u> </u>	1
1. Identify which properties are on the historic property inventory and include them in the City's GIS Database		Erin Quinn Valcho		

Task	Responsible Commissioner	Staff Contact	Status	Target Completion date
2. Identify at least two properties from the historic property inventory that could be added to the Historic Register.				
COMMISSION & TRIBAL RELATIONS				
1. Attend a Nisqually Tribal Council meeting	Erich Ebel, Sarah Thirtyacre	Erin Quinn Valcho		
YOUTH COMMISSIONER				
1. Support the Youth Commissioner in developing and				
implementing a student project.				

Historical Commission

3 Year Term – 2 Term Limit* (LMC 2.42) 3rd Wednesday, 6 p.m., City Hall

9/13/2022 2 nd Term General Commissioner City (appointed 8.22.19)	Erich Ebel, Chair 6919 Radius Loop SE Lacey, WA 98513 erich.ebel@outlook.com	C W	360.480.6691 360.902.4140
9/13/2023 2nd Term General Commissioner (appointed 12.17.2020)	Seth W. Huff 5422 32 nd Ct. SE Lacey, WA 98503 sethwhuff@gmail.com	С	360.790.2152
9/13/2022 1 st Term, General Commissioner (appointed 11.5.2020)	Jim Keogh 419 Central St. SE Olympia, Wa 98501 nibler-keogh@comcast.net	H C	360.754.2334 360.481.6102
9/13/2022 2nd Term Professional Commissioner (appointed 8.22.19)	Alan Tyler 2401 West Lake Dr. SE Lacey, WA 98503 alanrtyler@yahoo.com	С	253.279.4486
9/13/2022 1st Term Professional Commissioner UGA(appointed 01.17.19)	David Black 4903 15 th Ave SE Lacey WA 98503 dblackarchitect@gmail.com	Н	360-515-5255 919-302-3175
9/13/2022 1st Term Professional Commissioner UGA (appointed 8.22.19)	Kimberly Goetz PO Box 5724 Lacey, WA 98509 kimbelinag@yahoo.com	C W	360.402.8994 360.407.6754
9/13/2022 1 st Term General Commissioner (appointed 8.22.19)	Sarah Thirtyacre. Vice-Chair 5615 Mt. Olympus St. SE Lacey, WA 98503 thirtyacre.sarah@gmail.com	С	360-350-8482
One year term only Youth Commissioner City	Vacant		
Staff Contact:	Jennifer Burbidge Parks & Recreation Director jburbidg@ci.lacey.wa.us	W	360.438.2633
Museum Hours: Thursday-Friday 11-3 Saturday 10-4	Erin Quinn Valcho Museum Curator equinnva@ci.lacey.wa.us	W C	360.413.3557 360.999.7746

^{*}If there are no applicants for a vacant position one (1) month prior to the expiration of term, the incumbent may be re-appointed to an additional three (3) year term by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.

City of Lacey General Government Committee 420 College Street SE Lacey, WA 98503

My name is Ed Sorger a retired Police Commander with the City of Lacey and was a long-time resident of the city. I actually started with the city as a police cadet in 1967 in my senior year at North Thurston High School.

I am a long-time friend of deceased Lacey resident of WWII Veteran Leslie Johnson and his family. I have been designated as an advocate by the Johnson family to request the city's support in recognizing Master Sergeant Leslie Johnson for his heroic service to our country. Mr. Johnson is the most decorated military officer the City of Lacey has ever had who resided in our city. He was recognized by proclamation at a Lacey City Council Meeting in late 2019 and we are requesting further recognition from the city in the form of one or more of the following: The naming of the Veteran's Hub, the street the HUB is located on, a parking stall at the HUB or even the street Leslie Johnson lived, which is Shirley Street SE. We realize naming of some of these could be a bit complicated however it would be very fitting honor to Mr. Johnson to have one or more approved by this committee.

One can only imagine what horror Leslie Johnson experienced as a WWII Combat Medic and Purple Heart recipient. So please honor him with your commitment in designating the permanent memory of Master Sergeant Leslie Johnson.

Leslie Johnson was born 2 Sept, 1924 in Houkla, Mississippi to Jim & Eunice Johnson.

He was the oldest of 8 children in a cotton farming family.

His sisters Betty Haygood & Mary Houghes are here with us today from Houston, MS.

Also in attendance are his daughters Linda Fuller & Karen Johnson of Lacey, and Dot Clifford accompanied by her husband Patrick, of Capel St Mary, Suffolk, England.

Grandaughters AF Msgt (Ret) Mindy Patterson, her husband AF Msgt (Ret) Jay Patterson of San Antonio, TX. Army Capt Melissa King of Huntington Beach, CA, Army Capt Courtney Fuller of Newport, RI, Katelyn Johnson of Lacey and Hannah Clifford of Birmingham, West Midlands, England.

Great grandson, Brad Fuller of Ellensburg, and lots of lifelong friends!

Those family members unable to attend, Melissa's husband and sons, Army Capt Justin King, Maverick and Rowen of Huntington Beach, CA. Danny & Kay Clifford, and their son Joseph, of Barking Tye, Suffolk, England. Leah & Matt Scutcher, their children Zac and Ella of Capel St Mary, England, and Jessica Clifford of Ipswitch, England.

Leslie Johnson enlisted at the age of 18, on 8 May, 1943, and began his 24 year Army journey in Littlerock. AR and became a Combat Medic.

He met the love of his life, Elfriede Kleinpeter, in Badnauheim, Germany, 1949- she worked in

the mess hall. They married 12 Apr, 1952 in a dual ceremony w/ her sister Christine, and his friend Jimmy Haynes. Friedel, as he called her, passed on 17 Jan 2012, after 63 years together and almost 60yrs of marriage..

As a MSgt, at Ft Douglas, UT, he finally obtained his GED.

Some of his Post assignments were:

Camp Forest, TN

Camp Phillips, KS

Ft Dix, NJ

Camp Kilmer, NJ

Rode the Queen Mary to England

Then over to Omaha Beach, Normandy

after being shot in the leg in France- he recouped in England and then went to Germany for the next 8 vrs!

Ft Rucker, AL

Seoul, Korea

Camp Sendai, Japan

Ft Douglas, UT

Korea - again

Ft Devins, MA

Camp Walters, TX

The big Island on Hawaii

Ft Ord, CA

Medals earned across his 24 year career:

Army Commendation

Good Conduct

National Defense

American Campaign

European-African Campaign

Presidential Unit Citation

Army of Occupation

Special Congressional Medal for the Battle of Normandy

Greek War Cross

Purple Heart

Bronze Star w/ Valor

WWII Victory

Korean Service

United Nations Korean Service Medal

Korean War Ambassador for Peace Medal

Korean Presidential Unit Citation

He Retired as an E-7, Msgt, on 31 July, 1967 at Fort Ord, CA. He and Friedel decided they wanted to retire in Lacey, WA, near her sister Christine, and his friend Jimmy-so they did, and enjoyed many years of family, friendship and penny poker!

Sincerely,

Ed M. Sorger