

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Jeff Crane, Erich Ebel (arrived at 6:10pm), Kimberly Goetz, Seth Huff, Thomas Smith, Sarah Thirtyacre and Alan Tyler.

Unexcused: Roemello Chavez

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

Public: Sue Goff, Lacey Historical Society

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Kimberly Goetz.

AGENDA

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

Item 5e, Letters from Panorama, was added to the agenda.

MINUTES

The June 19, 2019 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported:

- 1) The Sasquatch exhibit is extended through September 28.
- 2) Dick Jones, long-time volunteer, former City Councilmember and former Historian of the Year, passed away last week.

Ms. Burbidge reported:

- 1) At tomorrow's Council meeting, Seiji Naotsuka will be recommended for youth representative for the Historical Commission by Mayor Ryder. Mayor Ryder would like the youth representatives to complete a project during their term.
- 2) Mayor Ryder will recommend commissioners Ebel, Goetz, Thirtyacre and Tyler for reappointment at tomorrow's Council meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Homann House. The owner submitted an application for certificate of appropriateness. Ms. Quinn Valcho made the decision, after talking with Community Development and the City Attorney, that the work does not affect the historic qualities identified in their register nomination and waived the need for a certificate. She made it clear if they would like to make any other changes they will be required to submit another application.
- b. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge shared a resident email regarding the Museum Project.
- c. Sasquatch Exhibit. Ms. Burbidge shared an email regarding a great visit to the museum.
- d. Jensen House Special Valuation Review application. Ms. Quinn Valcho explained the special valuation process; it gives lesser value to a qualified property for tax purposes. Ms. Quinn Valcho has requested more documents from the owner in order to complete the application.
- e. Letters from Panorama. Ms. Burbidge passed out mail received for the Commissioners.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Quinn Valcho reminded commission about speakers series coming up in the fall.

Sept. 16 Father Tynan will speak to the early history of Saint Martin's.

Sept. 24 Dennis Larsen's presentation on Naches Pass.

Both events will be at 5:30pm at Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Depot Trail Amenity. Ms. Burbidge shared drone footage of the site. Mr. Tyler asked if the Depot will be scheduled with parks for use. Ms. Burbidge said this would be something that we will be discussing in the future.

- b. New Museum Project. Ms. Burbidge reported:
KMB Architects of Olympia has been selected as architects for the project. Staff are excited to work with a local firm. KMB has a proven track record of being familiar with Lacey codes and requirements and seems to understand the mission of the Lacey Museum and the importance of honoring history and heritage, and attracting visitors from all over the region with this facility. The team got off to a great start last week with the first of many meetings. Once the contract is complete (about 4 weeks), the team will meet every week.
Project Timeline: Work will be done no later than February 2021, giving us time to apply for the next heritage capital grant.
Project Budget Estimate. The consultants will take all work that has been done previously into consideration, and will provide us with a creative design as a deliverable. It will have to be able to be broken up into phases so that fundraising will be possible. A project priority is to determine how much of the building can be repurposed and what the cost benefit ratio will be.
Pre-submission conference. Will hold another pre-sub in order to loop the consultants in on the process.
Soil testing: 5700 building needs another quarter of monitoring, but looks good; playground preliminary results look good, but need the final report, which is expected any day.
Archaeological Findings Plan. Ms. Thirtyacre would like the commission to come up with a plan for when deeper trenching begins and the possibility of what we might encounter and if it has historical significance. Ms. Goetz suggested we look at forming an ad hoc committee to deal with this issue. The Commission decided to continue this conversation next month.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Strategic Plan Final Review.
Motion carried to approve the Strategic Plan as written.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs meetings will resume in September

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society Sue Goff reported:
 - Lanny had a table at the fair and had handouts for technology for Thurston County Throwback.
 - Summer newsletter will be coming out in the next few weeks.
 - Annual meeting Thursday, September 26 at 5:30 p.m. The theme will be Lacey Schools past and present.
 - Oct. 3rd at 3:00pm - plaque dedication at Panorama City for the Chambers homestead.
- b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho gave highlights from her written report.
- b. Commissioners
 - i. Tyler: Thurston County Historical Commission Regional meeting. No meeting scheduled at this time.
 - ii. Mr. Smith shared this is his last meeting.

- iii. Mr. Crane will be absent next month, having knee replacement surgery.
- iv. Mr. Huff will be absent next month, he will be in Spain.
- c. Chair. Mr. Ebel shared his thoughts on Thurston County Throwback at the Fair.
 - Wonderfully attended and successful event.
 - It exposed hundreds of Thurston County residents to stories of the past.
 - Many hands on activities and good feedback.
 - There was a follow-up meeting on August 20; everyone is excited to make next year even better.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director. The summer was filled with lots of great events.
 - Swim area changes
 - Dock repurposed at Long's Pond. Dedication event: Flock to the Dock, August 22 at 5:30pm at Woodland Creek Community Park.
 - Wonderwood Park's new playground equipment is completed. There will be a celebration on September 19, at 5:30 p.m.
 - Parks Department is getting ready to implement our new software program.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall