

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Jeff Crain, Erich Ebel, Seiji Naotsuka, Sarah Thirtyacre and Alan Tyler

Excused: Seth Huff and Kimberly Goetz.

Staff: Jennifer Burbidge, Parks and Recreation Director and Carolyn Elliott, Department Assistant

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society

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 January 15, 2020 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

No Correspondence

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No updates to the calendar

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Depot Trail Amenity. Jen reported the following:
 - Walkthrough for final punchlist is tomorrow 2/20/20. Trying to get topsoil and seeding done before grand opening
 - Playground fencing and concrete work is started
 - Playground likely in May
 - Grand Opening likely in June – what components would you like to see?
 - Markers artwork is almost done, we will order those before the end of February. Jen is working on the final report for the \$5,000 BNSF grant which funded the markers. They take 6-8 weeks to arrive, and should be here by April.

Commissioners had concerns regarding the lack of signage for the site. They feel that a communication plan should be in place regarding the Depot Trail Amenity, playground and museum. They brainstormed a few ideas:

- Parks and Recreation Brochure
- Thurston County Talk
- The Olympian

- Social Media
- Signage such as at the City of Olympia Yelm Highway new park

Commissioners asked Ms. Burbidge to bring information back to the next meeting about what the City's plan and goals for the above-mentioned concerns.

b. New Museum Project. Jen reported the following:

- Ashley Smith is coming to the next meeting to answer technical questions
- Showed a few drone shots/slides from the joint worksession of the museum site
- Staff will meet with KMB on January 31. They reported a project timeline: by May 30% completion (schematic design, MEP/structural/program/site/building/cost estimate). At this stage, KMB will make a visit to this commission, and staff and commissioners would sign off on their work before they proceed to design development. By August 60% completion (design development, components of what's inside the building/detailed interior & exterior plus cost estimate), and by end of 2020 90% completion or construction documents (specifications, all details, plus cost estimate).

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Joint Worksession Debrief. All Commissioners that were in attendance felt it was a good worksession and went smoothly.
- b. Strategic Plan Update. This item will be on the agenda for the March meeting.
- c. Strategic Communications Planning Ms. Burbidge reported:
 - RFQ went out
 - Interviews were last Friday; there is a clear top candidate.
 - Very soon, they will have a signed contract.
 - We will be adding "Culture" to Parks and Recreation
 - Developing a new Museum Logo; Brewhouse has been contracted.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs Committee –on hiatus
- b. Archaeology Committee. Ms. Thirtyacre would like to bring the two archeologist that were past Olympia Historical Commissioners to the March meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Weaver reported:
 - She attended the Thurston County Throwback meeting
 - The Historical Society will cover all the cost of the interpretive panel at the Jacob Smith House, \$3,500.00.
 - Ms. Weaver did some research on the picture that Ms. Quinn Valcho had received as a donation to the museum. She found out that it was the site of the Lacey Post Office and store. The store had two owners Gordon Foy

and A. D. Hale. She will continue her research to find when the building came down.

- b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Burbidge shared highlights from Ms. Quinn Valcho's report. A new Museum Assistant was hired, Albert McConaghy.
- b. Commissioners.
- Commissioner Thirtyacre reported she is working on an event March 30 at Traditions in downtown Olympia. It will have 7 to 11 performances all interpreting the word "resistance". She will share more next meeting.
 - Commissioner Crane reported that he would be conducting a Public History class in the fall; it will be a junior level class.
 - Commissioner Black just returned from a vacation in Arizona.
- c. Chair. Mr. Ebel will be presenting, In Search of the Treaty Tree, at Fort Steilacoom on Sunday, March 15. He also attended the first Thurston County Throwback meeting. It will be held at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, the last Sunday of the fair.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported:
- The Cultural Celebration is Saturday, March 7, 10am-6pm
 - The mom and son and daddy daughter dances were a huge success
 - Washington Suffragists is the next History Talk, Tuesday March 24 at 5:30pm at City Hall

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

NEXT MEETING

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