

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Seth Huff, and Sarah Thirtyacre.
Unexcused: Alan Tyler.

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

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 September 16, 2020 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Quinn Valcho announced that Marisa Merkel had a baby girl on October 10.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. Friday, November 20, 6 p.m., History Talks: Billy Gohl, Labor & Brutal Times in the Pacific Northwest. Ms. Quinn Valcho gave an overview of the upcoming presentations in the History Talks series.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Depot Trail Amenity

- Despite some rough weather, including having to reschedule the crane for the clock tower install due to heavy winds, the playground install is done; once final safety check is complete it can open to the public. At that time, a media release will go out, reminding people of the operating hours and safety rules for COVID. Maintenance will do their best to have the restrooms open.
- A virtual dedication will be filmed and air sometime within the next month. Staff are creating the script and will be reaching out to commissioners to get comments and video footage.

b. New Museum Project. The project is currently in the Design Development stage.

Landscaping.

- Needs to be low maintenance and irrigated. This includes taking into consideration needle clean-up and lot maintenance.
- Native and drought-tolerant plants are ideal.

- Flagpole location. Staff are reaching out to the Lions club which expressed interest in funding that.
- Reader board location will be Lacey Blvd. near the southwest corner.

Fire District Three.

- They are a significant part of Lacey's history, and the partnership between the District and the City is important to both agencies and to the community.
- They propose including some funding in their 2021 budget to help with exhibit design.
- The goals of this partnership include:
 - Sharing history both orally and tangibly; telling the story of Lacey becoming a City with help from volunteers and business owners
 - Displaying Fire District 3 artifacts in a meaningful way
 - Bolstering Fire District 3 identity and role in community and educating as to such
 - Reflecting District evolution and change in a non-Fire District setting
 - Educating regarding safety, tailored to time of year
 - Educating regarding Fire District 3 philanthropic efforts for residents who are in need

Security and Technology. Team will meet with IS and maintenance staff this Friday, October 23 to discuss wireless network, access card readers, projectors, data outlets, security cameras, keys, and door hardware.

Bike Racks. There will be two racks, one at the Depot and one closer to the museum for a total of 20 parking locations. There will also be two permanent bike lockers which are big plastic or metal lockable boxes intended for staff use and in conjunction with the shower, will go toward our LEED points on site.

LEED Requirements. Our current LEED points are where we have "yes" selected for 45 points; 55 are needed for LEED silver, which means we will need to obtain most of the "likely" points to obtain silver certification. Gold LEED certification is an option, but it would add substantial cost and could be a challenge getting the required 65 points.

Salmon-Safe Certification. From the definition of "large scale projects" it looks like the project may not be eligible, however we are getting more information on it since it could assist with LEED points.

Next Steps: Tribal consultation scheduled for tomorrow with KMB, the Nisqually Tribe, and the Squaxin Island Tribe.

c. Jacob Smith House Gutters

- This is a non-urgent issue since maintenance can patch the current gutters which will prevent potential damage to the building.
- Staff intended to apply for the Sivinski grant--deadline was October 14th. However, there was a \$1,000 membership fee which is required for eligibility.
- Staff proposed a new nomination form which will make future design reviews easier. Commissioner Black and Commissioner Thirtyacre volunteered.

- d. Commissioner Search Update
Jim Keogh, a current museum volunteer, applied for the previous vacancy, which was a hard decision because both candidates were so qualified. There are no other applicants. The mayor will recommend him to the Council.
- e. JSH Interpretive panel. No progress has been made.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Signage at new museum site. Commissioners reviewed the sign and will send their comments in to Ms. Quinn Valcho.
- b. Museum Name brainstorm. The consensus of the Commission was:
 - They do not like “and Civic Center” or “and More”
 - They would like to keep “Museum” in the title
 - After much discussion of including something broader than “Lacey” such as “South Sound” in the title, it was decided that keeping “Lacey” was most appropriate and that adding on would be too long.
 - They like “and heritage center” or “and cultural center” with a preference for the latter.
 - Next steps will include review by the City Manager and discussion with a tribal museum that recently underwent a name change and new building project.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

- a. **Museum/Curator**. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared highlights of her report.
- b. **Commissioners**. Commissioner Huff plans to visit Cross Park in Fredrickson, a Pierce County Park which blends local history with modern recreation. Commissioner Thirtyacre. No report, but will send a link to all Commissioners for the Wanapum Heritage Center.
- c. **Chair**. Mr. Ebel attended a Speaker Series at Steilacoom by Danny Marshall, Tribal Chair of the Steilacoom Indian Tribe. He discussed a variety of related subjects such as the significance of the Medicine Creek Treaty and its impact.
- d. **Parks & Recreation Director**.
 - The City is moving forward with a Community Outreach Project for the entire park system, and with Greg Cuoio Park Master Planning.
 - The City Manager has filled the Executive Assistant position with Nicole Williams from Thurston County and the Assistant City Manager position will be open soon.

- Kathy Owen, who has been Supervisor of Youth & Teen Programs for almost 24 years retired. This is a huge loss to our department.
- The department is doing our best in the face of COVID, including major changes to sports guidance. Staff are remaining flexible and pivoting as needed.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 18, 6:00 p.m. remote meeting via Zoom