

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2015, 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Yasemin Alptekin, Fernnell Dowell III, Erich Ebel, Joseph Govednik, Amber Granger, Kristina Trebil, and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Kimberley Bauman.

Staff: Lori Flemm, Parks & Recreation Director and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

Historical Society: Lisa Wooden, Nora Brown.

Public: Shirley Binkley, James Holcomb, and Lee Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Erich Ebel, Vice Chair.

AGENDA

No changes were made to the agenda.

MINUTES

The February 18, 2015 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

INTRODUCTIONS

New Commissioners Joseph Govednik and Alan Tyler were introduced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS The following items were passed to the group for review:

- a. A newspaper article from November 1930 on reindeer at the Lacey racetrack.
- b. Summer Youth program application.
- c. An invitation to the City Council community outreach meetings.
- d. Commission roster for review.
- e. 2015 Commission work plan with status updates.
- f. OPMA training information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society (LHS). Lisa Wooden reported:
 - The spring newsletter goes to print April 2nd. The LHS would like to include the museum and commission events. The Commission was grateful for it to be considered.
 - The new website is in the works.
- b. School memorial & photos at Safeway. Ms. Wooden expressed concern that Haggen has purchased Safeway and may not be aware of the historical importance of the memorial. The Commission discussed ideas for how to be proactive about ensuring the preservation of the memorial.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter of Support from the LHC to Legislators Fraser, Hunt and Rekydal in support of HB1107 and SB5364. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that while HB1107 is dead, SB5364 was approved in the Senate 44-4 and was referred to the House for a hearing March 17. She revised the support letter to reflect this update. The

Commissioners signed the letters to Reps. Hunt and Rekydal which will go out tomorrow.

- b. Shirley Binkley's transmittal of resignation. Although Ms. Binkley resigned her term, she indicated she will continue to volunteer for the Commission.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. The new calendar was distributed with changes highlighted.
- b. At the request of the Lacey Days Committee, the Policy Committee agreed to meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8th so that the Lacey Days Committee can meet at 5:30.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Review Groom/Turner House addition. Ms. Flemm reported that she spoke to Mr. Downey, the property owner whose plans are still to bring the proposed changes to his property to the Commission in the summer after he completes his roof replacement.
- b. Harbor History Museum and White River Valley Museum Photo Tour and Discussion. The Commission viewed the tour and discussed positives and negatives about each site.
- c. 50th Anniversary Committee Liaison. Ms. Flemm reported that Ms. Quinn Valcho will be the Parks & Recreation Department representative. Mr. Tyler volunteered to represent the Commission, and could also serve as the St. Martin's University representative.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Museum Policy Part I Section 5: Education and Interpretation. After discussion, the policy committee will revisit this section, including Mr. Govednik's suggested language on demographic information collection and bring it back to the Commission.
- b. Museum Policy Part II Section 7: Acquisitions. Ms. Quinn Valcho answered questions and clarified information about the policy. The committee is waiting for one more piece of information before bringing it back to the Commission.
- c. Need for a Strategic Plan. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented the concept of developing a strategic plan for the Lacey Museum. The Commission is in favor of pursuing this and is willing to commit the time to do it.
- d. Plaques for Historic Properties. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented options for the three plaques that need to be purchased. The Commission would like to pursue option two, to get quotes for a new material in the style of the existing plaques to see if the cost is similar or more than the other two options.
- e. Museum closure on Friday July 3, and Saturdays July 4, & 11.

Motion carried: To close the Lacey Museum on July 3, 4 and 11.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Ad Hoc Policy Committee. See above.
- b. Lacey Days Committee. Mr. Ebel reported that the Committee has met twice since the last Commission meeting and is making good progress. A flyer was drafted. A sponsor package was reviewed and approved. Michael's is sponsoring

the kid's craft area. An antique fire truck has been secured. Timeline, marketing plan, historic activities and budget are in development.

STAFF / MUSEUM REPORT

- a. Museum Report. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported:
- There were 28 visitors to the museum in February including 18 walk-ins and 10 for museum business.
 - Erin completed 11 customer service requests. A large portion of the curator's time this month was spent fielding these requests as well as a very large public records request.
 - In February, volunteers gave 57 hours to the museum and 10.5 hours for the Commission for a total of 67.5 volunteer hours.
 - A new volunteer, Joana Dizon, started in February and is assisting with inventory at City Hall and will begin at the museum in March assisting with filing and cataloguing.
 - Erin continued to work on processing and cataloguing 2014 acquisitions.
 - Amber gave her presentation to one class serving 20 people.
- b. Virgil Kahout house. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the owner of this property is interested in putting their house on the historic register, but was concerned that some of the modifications they have made to the rear exterior might preclude acceptance. The Historical Commission agreed that the property owner should be encouraged to proceed with the nomination process, but that they should be made aware that we cannot determine their eligibility for placement without further research and evaluation of the criteria.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

- a. Thurston County Through the Decades Liaison. In the absence of Ms. Bauman, Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the park has been reserved, a flyer drafted and that letters sent out to the participating groups preparing them for the event.
- b. Miss Granger reported that she will be unable to give presentations in March and April due to other school commitments, but is scheduling them for May. Four presentations are scheduled at Lakes Elementary.

CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- a. LMC 2.42. Copies were provided to the Commissioners.
- b. Boards & Commissions Standards, Protocols & Ground Rules Handbook. Copies were provided to the Commissioners.
- c. Recruiting has started for the Youth Commissioners and Ms. Flemm encouraged Miss Granger to reapply; the Commissioners concurred.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 15, 2015, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.