

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Roemello Chavez, Jeff Crane, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz (*via phone at 6:15pm*), Seth Huff, Sarah Thirtyacre and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Thomas Smith.

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

Public: Susan Goff, Lacey Historical Society; and Jackie Wall, Nisqually Indian Tribe.

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair, Erich Ebel.

Introductions:

AGENDA

The following items, 7h-5700 interim building use was added to Old Business, item 7c- Nisqually Tribe visit was moved to 3.5

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

MINUTES

The August 15, 2018 minutes were approved as amended and placed on record.

Nisqually Tribe Visit: Ms. Thirtyacre introduced Jackie Wall, Cultural Resource Manager for the Nisqually Indian Tribe, and asked her to give a brief description of her job. Jackie works with various cities, counties, state and Federal government agencies, reviewing building permits to determine if they are on sensitive land for archeological findings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. New contact list was distributed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Lacey Historical Society newsletters were distributed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. Ms. Quinn Valcho supplied a calendar of upcoming museum programs.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Train Depot Trail Amenity Update. Ms. Burbidge reported:
 - Received the updated specs and plans with cost-saving alternatives.
 - Currently waiting on engineering estimate.
 - Next step will be to get another opinion on cost estimate.
 - City Council will decide if the cost alternatives are acceptable.
 - Expect go out to advertise in January.

- b. Thurston County through the Decades transition. (on hold for October meeting)
- c. Nisqually Tribe Visit. (discussed earlier)
- d. Access & Use Policy and Fee Schedule.

Motion carried: to adopt new Access & Use Policy and Fee Schedule.

- e. Review of Programming and Interior Space plans for New Museum. Ms. Quinn Valcho gave a presentation reviewing the plans for the new museum site.
- f. Kick off to Revising Museum Mission Statement. The Commission worked on a brainstorming activity for developing a new museum mission statement.
- g. Jacob Smith House gutters. Ms. Thirtyacre reviewed the Valerie Sivinski grant guidelines. She noted that it appears to be an easy application process and volunteered to assist it for the 2020 budget year.
- h. Interim Use of the 5700 Lacey Blvd. Building. As previously discussed, Ms. Burbidge went through the pre-submission process to determine whether the building can be used for sports activities while the building is vacant. It will not be possible for two reasons: 1) because the unpaved lot is not allowed for parking, there would not be sufficient parking and 2) installing a sport court is estimated at \$69,000 which is cost prohibitive. A new alternative is being explored to lease a portion of the building for two-three years with the revenue going to the museum.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Depot District Subarea Plan Hearing Report. The Planning Commission has approved the Depot District Subarea Plan.
- b. Metropolitan Park District proposal. Ms. Burbidge did a presentation on the proposal that will be on the ballot in November.
- c. Recent acquisitions.

Motion carried: To approve recent acquisitions.

- d. Nomination of officers. Ms. Quinn Valcho noted that next month nominations for officers will be requested and in November officers will be elected.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs. No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Goff reported:
 - Summer newsletters are out.
 - Preparations for the annual meeting on September 27 are underway.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho gave highlights from her written report.
- b. Commissioners Reports.
 - Mr Huff shared that he has been listening to the Lacey Comprehensive podcast, which is based on Lacey's Comprehensive Plan. They air monthly and four episodes have aired so far. He recommends it.
- c. Chair's Report. Mr. Ebel reported: The latest exhibit at the Secretary of State's office is "1968, The Year that Rocked Washington."
- d. Parks & Recreation Director

- There were closures at Long Lake Beach due to low visibility in the water.
- October 6th is Children's Day at Huntamer Park.
- Lacey Highlights are sent out every two weeks.
- Ms. Burbidge is going to Indianapolis for a NRPA Conference.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.