

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2015, 6:00 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

## PRESENT

**Commission:** Erich Ebel, Joseph Govednik, Amber Granger and Kristina Trebil.

**Excused:** Yasemin Alptekin, Fermnell Dowell III, and Alan Tyler.

**Staff:** Lori Flemm, Parks & Recreation Director.

**Historical Society:** Michael O'Keefe.

**Public:** Shirley Binkley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Erich Ebel. A quorum was not present. No official business was conducted.

## AGENDA

One item was added to the agenda:

- 4b Commissioner Recruitment.

## MINUTES

The Commission reviewed the November 16 meeting minutes and found no changes at this time.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. The Commission reviewed but made no updates to the 2015 work plan.
- b. Ms. Flemm reported that Ms. Quinn Valcho and Commissioner Tyler are at the Nisqually Charitable Awards Banquet and unable to attend tonight's meeting.
- c. Two newspaper articles of interest (The Grange at the corner of Henderson and Yelm Hwy. and the Pocket Gopher on the George Bush Homestead) were passed around for review.
- d. Commissioner recruitment: The press release advertising the vacant position was made public and posted on the city's web site. Applications received within the past year can be considered if the applicant is still interested. The Commissioners inquired about the process to interview and select new Commissioners.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. O'Keefe reported that Amy Turner is ill and had to withdraw from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, so Shirley Dziedzic and Dick Johnson have stepped up to fill Amy's spot on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mayor's Gala Committee.

## CORRESPONDENCE

The Commission received a card from the family of Nora Brown thanking us for the sympathy card and nice remarks about Nora. Mr. O'Keefe mentioned that Nora was a real Lacey Pioneer and lived here her whole life out near the RAC.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No changes to the 2016 calendar at this time. A change will be proposed during the Ad Hoc Committee Report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Chambers Prairie Cabin Background. Shirley contacted the manufacturer of the door handles asking them to date the handles. Lori presented Shirley Binkley's PowerPoint that included photos of the cabin prior to and during disassembly. Many of the timbers exhibited evidence of wood rot in the photos. The cabin was located at 66<sup>th</sup> and Ruddell Rd. SE. There were two structures on the site. Commissioner Ebel suggested conducting an archaeological dig on the site with the owner's permission. Lori will contact Joan Dorian (Descendant of the Chamber's Family, who served on the Depot Exhibit Design Committee) to obtain historical information.
- b. Commissioner Recruitment. The position has been advertised. The applicant who applied in the past year can be reconsidered if he is interested. The Commission suggested that staff send letters to service clubs to recruit for the open Commissioner position.
- c. 2015 CLG Report. Ms. Quinn Valcho prepared the draft report due to DAHP by January 15. Since the Commission will not have an opportunity to review the CGL report at the January meeting, it was reviewed and discussed with the Commissioners present and they recommended that the report be forwarded to DAHP as presented.
- d. November and December Accessions. The Commissioners reviewed the November and December accessions and concurred with the decision not to accept the Museum Magazines. They suggested providing more information under 2015-005 4. Digital files to indicate if the digital file is a photographic image, a program or meeting minutes, and should include the date of the event. 4e should be revised to read, "Chambers Lake Natural Area Open House". They will postpone action accepting the accessions until the January meeting since no quorum was present.
- e. 2015 Accomplishments: Commissioner Trebil provided several written revisions to the 2015 Accomplishments. Mr. O'Keefe said the word moth should be Month. Lori will make these revisions and email to the Commissioners.
- f. Deaccession Policy: Commissioner Trebil preferred to hold off on discussion until Ms. Quinn Valcho is present.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. George Bush Homestead artifacts repository. No update.
- b. Thurston County Journal Feasibility Committee. Commissioner Tyler and Ms. Quinn Valcho attended the first meeting. Ms. Quinn Valcho attended the second meeting and has maintained her involvement with the committee. The Feasibility Committee asked its members to get the "blessing" of its Board or Commission to participate further. The Commissioners present at the meeting agreed that Ms. Quinn Valcho should continue to participate. Mr. O'Keefe noted that LHS President Lanny Weaver also attended the meeting. The group may need funds to print and mail publications, but if produced digitally, it can be emailed at little or no cost.
- c. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation was deferred to the January meeting since Commissioner Tyler was not present.
- d. Draft 2016 Work Plan: Ms. Flemm and the Commissioners discussed the tasks proposed for the work they intend to accomplish in 2016. The work plan has typically

been adopted at the January monthly meeting. Ms. Flemm asked all Commissioners to review the tasks by their name and comment prior to mailing the January meeting packet. Erich suggested contacting ESC to see if they are interested in conducting a dig for us. Ms. Flemm noted that SPSCC had conducted a dig around the historic Depot site in 2010.

- e. 2016 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP) General Government Section Update. Ms. Flemm introduced the CFP update, and described the need for the update to the 2016–2035 periods to include 2016 Capital Projects approved by the City Council on December 17, 2015. The Depot Museum project is included in the CFP. Three Projects, the Depot, the Jacob Smith House improvements and McKinney House were discussed with no revisions suggested.

### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Ad Hoc Policy Committee. The Committee met on December 9, and discussed the StEPs program, and the Deaccessioning Policy. The committee completed the Mission, Vision and Governance review in the StEPs workbook. Erin created a summary of the review. The mission statement was included at the bottom of this meeting's agenda. Next month, the committee will review Audience standards. Erich may join the committee and request to be included on the committee's email list.
- b. Lacey Days Committee. This committee is on hiatus until January.
- c. City of Lacey's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. No report.

### **REPORTS**

- a. Staff/Museum Report. Ms. Quinn Valcho's written report was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Flemm highlighted:
  - There were 20 visitors this month, which included 18 walk-ins and 2 on museum business.
  - 58.75 volunteer hours were given this month to the Museum and Commission projects.
  - Fleetwood Plaque: Erin met with Mari Fleetwood and Winsor Fireform to discuss options for the font, plaque size and color. The Fleetwood Family suggested some revisions which staff, Winsor Fireform and the Commissioners present all agreed.
  - The Homann House plaque was installed. The Jensen House plaque location was approved and installation is scheduled later this month.
- b. Commissioner's Reports.
  - Miss Granger reported that she is scheduling school presentations in February because she is traveling for college interviews in January.
- c. Chair's Report. Mr. Ebel reported that he received a text message from Ms. Quinn Valcho: The Lacey Museum received a \$3,000 grant from the Nisqually Tribe.
- d. Director's Report.
  - Ms. Flemm passed around the program from Miss Granger's November, 20<sup>th</sup> performance of *Bye Bye Birdie* at the Koval Performing Arts Center.
  - Ms. Flemm reported the delay in getting the agenda packet out is due to the Ad Hoc Policy StEP Committee meeting the week prior to the Commission meeting. She suggested changing the meeting to another date. After some discussion,

committee members and staff agreed on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The calendar will be revised to reflect the next Ad Hoc Policy StEP Committee meeting on January 27 at 6:00pm.

- Ms. Flemm thanked the Commissioners and the Curator for a great year. She asked Mr. O'Keefe to convey that message to the Society and is grateful that we are working together better.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, January 20, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall.