

# LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2019 6:00 p.m.  
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

## PRESENT

Commission: Jeff Crane, Kimberly Goetz, Thomas Smith, Sarah Thirtyacre  
Excused: Erich Ebel, Roemello Chavez, Seth Huff and Alan Tyler  
Staff: Jennifer Burbidge, Parks and Recreation Director; Carolyn Elliott, Office Assistant  
Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society, and Michael L. Boss, Forensic Photographer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Kimberly Goetz.

## AGENDA

Item #10 public comment was moved up in the agenda to #3b.

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

## MINUTES

The March 20, 2019 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Lanny Weaver reported:
  - Dick Yates passed away suddenly. His service will be June 1, at the Elks Club at 1:00 p.m.
  - The marker for the Chalet at Panorama is almost completed.
  - Lacey Historical Society publishes two newsletters each year; one is Aug/Sept. the other April/May. The spring newsletter will highlight "Johnny's night train" and the story about a matchbook Susan Goff found.
  - Annual meeting will be September 26, Kristina Trebil, former Lacey Historical Commissioner, will attend.
- b. Others. No other public comment.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Dick Yates, former Vice President of Lacey Historical Society, passed away March 27.
- b. Prine House. Ms. Burbidge shared pictures of the house located at 728 Bowker Street, which is on the Lacey historic property inventory. There was a devastating house fire and cannot be occupied.
- c. Heritage Capital Grant Status. Ms. Burbidge reported that the House's budget reflects only half of the approved projects, which excludes 15 projects, including ours. However, the Senate budget fully funds all of the projects. The lobbyist is optimistic.

## CORRESPONDENCE (None)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. No updates.

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. Depot Trail Amenity. The contract was awarded to JAM Construction. Final approval will be decided by City Council on April 25. Ms. Thirtyacre shared that she has looked to see if an archaeology report had been done on the site, searching through past council minutes, she can find no site forms or reports for the site. Ms. Thirtyacre will do some further checking into this matter. She believes if we get the Heritage Capital Grant we should be proactive and could have a graduate student do the archaeology for this site with oversight by a professional archaeologist.
- b. New Museum project.
  - Lebanon Street project is underway.
  - The structural report has been received and will be provided to the Commission for the next meeting.
  - The conditions assessment states the building can support the roof, but it can't support hanging items from it.
  - In the architecture and engineering phase, we will determine how much, if any can be repurposed.
  - We are still waiting for soil test results to ensure viability for the food forest.
- c. Community Development Joint Planning Session. The second meeting was held. The decision was made that one of the staff from Community Development would attend a Historical Commission meeting, and then the joint meeting will happen next year.

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recent acquisitions.  
**Motion carried: To approve recent acquisitions.**
- b. Strategic Plan Review. Tabled until next month.

## Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs Committee. No meeting.

## REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Burbidge shared highlights from Ms. Quinn Valcho's report.
- b. Commissioners' Reports. Mr. Crane reported he and Ms. Quinn Valcho attended the Olympia Tumwater Foundation's local historian's conference last Saturday. Mr. Smith reported he might miss some meetings as he is on stand-by to be a tour manager for Steven Ambrose's Historical Tours 75th anniversary in England & Normandy.

Ms. Thirtyacre reported Jackie What is retiring as the Nisqually Tribal Historic officer the retirement party will be at the Tribal Center next week. She will email the exact date to everyone.

c. Chair's Report. None.

d. Parks & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported on the upcoming events:

- Earth Day, April 20 at Wonderwood Park
- STEM Fair, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Huntamer Park
- Lacey Spring Fun Fair, May 18-19 at Saint Martin's University

### **ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, May 15, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall