

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2019 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Kimberly Goetz, Seth Huff, Thomas Smith, and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Jeff Crane, Erich Ebel and Sarah Thirtyacre.

Unexcused: Roemello Chavez.

Staff: Carolyn Elliott, Office Assistant and Erin Quinn Valcho, Museum Curator.

Public: Susan Hartman, Lacey Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair, Kimberly Goetz.

AGENDA

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

Item 8B, Jensen house, was added to the agenda.

MINUTES

The May 15, 2019 minutes were approved as amended and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Thurston County Historical Commission invitation to a regional History meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Ms. Quinn Valcho had two things to add.

a. Reminder: June 29 Historical walking tour is in need of volunteers.

b. Speaker scheduled: July 10, 5:30p.m. Ryan Leisinger, on Bigfoot in Washington, at Lacey City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Depot Trail Amenity.

- Broke ground on Monday June 17; pre-construction meeting the week prior.
- The project is expected be completed in January 2020 By contract, they have 120 working days to complete the project.
- Changes: the interior siding will go all the way up and the ceiling will be closed in. Originally scheduled to be painted white, changed to a natural wood color.
- Project manager, Ashley Smith, will take a picture from the same spot each day of the project.
- Inadvertent discovery reviewed with the general manager of the project.
- Mr. Huff asked about the Sunrise Lion's plaque and kiosk. Ms. Quinn Valcho will look into this.

- Changing of landscape to increase sight lines to the Depot along Pacific Avenue.
 - Shared a handout with the following information: Economic impact and economic development.
- b. New Museum Project. Pre-submission meeting held June 12. Items of note include:
- Clearbrook St. entrance will move as far north as possible.
 - Clearbrook St. needs improvements including sidewalks, planter strip, and street lights. The current utilities are overhead, but would prefer to move them underground.
 - Land use approval will be required.
 - Blank walls on Lacey Blvd. need to be made into pedestrian-friendly facades.
- c. Strategic Plan Review. Ms Quinn Valcho reviewed goals #5 and #6 with the Commission. Strategic plan will be ready for final approval at August meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Historian of the Year. No applications were submitted.
- b. Jensen House. The property owners have applied for a special valuation.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs Committee. Meetings will resume in September.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Hartman reported that someone contacted the Historical Society about the Bowker House by mistake. They were referred to Ms. Quinn Valcho.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho gave highlights from her written report.
- b. Commissioners.
Mr. Huff. He reported that he has been volunteering at the Museum and that he has been so impressed with Marisa. She has an amazing amount of knowledge and is very patient in teaching others, very professional.
Mr. Tyler. He attended the regional history commissioners meeting. They discussed the benefits of having joint meetings and brainstormed ideas for a Sept 18th meeting. Mr. Tyler asked if LHC had a contact with Nisqually Tribe. Ms. Quinn Valcho will get the contact information to Mr. Tyler.
- c. Chair. No report.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that the replacement of the cedar gutters at the Jacob Smith House will be postponed for a year.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, August 21, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall