

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 2020 6:00 p.m.
via Zoom

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Seth Huff (checked in 6:10), Sarah Thirtyacre and Alan Tyler.

Excused: None.

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

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair, Erich Ebel.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The August 19, 2020 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Ms. Quinn Valcho encouraged everyone to attend the virtual program *History Talks: Washington Suffragists—Ahead of Their Time* on Tuesday, September 22, 6:00pm.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Depot Trail Amenity.

- Final punch list is complete; ownership has been handed over to the City.
- The water leak on the southwest side of the building was a broken fitting as suspected. The contractor has repaired it, with no damage to the subgrade.
- Playground install should be done by end of September. Maintenance staff installed the two historic markers. Rotary marker still in progress.
After reviewing with maintenance staff, it makes more sense to align bathroom hours with hours the building is open (7 a.m.-dark).
- A virtual grand opening was discussed, potentially in early October. Although virtual, key people could be on site to allow for physical distancing. Commissioners thought it should be a dedication rather than a grand opening, and hold a grand opening once we are allowed to hold gatherings.

b. New Museum Project.

- Reviewed the updated KMB Architects timeline. Design development (DD) will continue through December 10. Team will meet less often, but have detailed

technical drawings to review. Construction Documents phase will follow and is expected to wrap up in early April. Neither will require Council approval.

- Erin will be setting up a meeting with KMB, the Nisqually Tribe and the Squaxin Island Tribe with Sarah as the Commission representative.
- Discussion about the site included:
 - Bench and kiosk on site. Jen to touch base with Lions who funded this.
 - Lacey Sunrise Lions want to fund flagpole. Commission agreed to a US flag and a Washington State flag. The pole will be lighted since it will not be taken down each day. The pole to be away from event locales.
 - Bike racks: a certain number required for LEED. Ms. Burbidge to confirm.
 - Site security: Want to design system to be able to add on in the future.
- Phasing
 - Site Work based on City funding will include removal of monitoring wells, archaeology survey, and Department of Ecology voluntary clean up.
 - Site Work based on grant funding (\$589,000) will include demolition of structure, parking lot paving, demolition of existing utilities, and temporary power for depot.
 - Staff continues to look for more funding opportunities.
- LEED Silver status.
 - Currently the project has 45 points with 50-59 needed for LEED silver (requirement of grant).
- Next Steps
 - Meeting with Squaxin Tribe (as described above)
 - Museum name brainstorming

- c. Jacob Smith House Gutters. Chris will be able to patch them from the inside with epoxy and other materials, preventing damage to the facility. Next steps, staff will put together a budget request for metal gutters that are aesthetically and historically appropriate per this commission's last motion. The Valerie Sivinski grant will also be pursued for funding this project.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Search Update. Currently no applicants. Ms. Elliott will reach out to the City Manager's office to have the website updated. Commissioner Black suggested reaching out to the other applicants when he had applied. Ms. Burbidge will follow up on this. Ms. Quinn Valcho will reach out to her contacts at Panorama. The Youth Commissioner position is currently on hold.
- b. Jacob Smith House Interpretive panel. The Historical Society will write and design the panel. The Museum will provide photographs. The Commission will review the panel. Together we will decide on the placement.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs Committee-on hiatus.
- b. Archaeology Committee. Commissioner Thirtyacre noted that committee meetings will be started soon now that we have met with Squaxin archaeologist.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Weaver had shared her report on the JSH panel.
- b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared highlights from her report.
- b. Commissioners.
 - o *Commissioner Black* spent a few days in Wenatchee at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center.
 - o *Commissioner Tyler* expressed his appreciation for the history articles in the *Lacey Life* newsletter.
- c. Chair. Commissioner Ebel reported that he missed last month's meeting because he was doing a history presentation in Chehalis. On Sunday he will be presenting for Fort Steilacoom Historical Society.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge shared that staff has been working on program cancellations due to air quality.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 p.m. via Zoom