

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Remote meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Jim Keogh, Seth Huff, and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Sarah Thirtyacre.

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 December 16, 2020 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Appreciation emails from the public.
- b. Letter from Thurston County Historical Commission. Ms. Burbidge and Ms. Quinn Valcho met with Ken Balsley and Rob Kirkwood; they are suggesting a joint Lacey/Thurston County Historic Commission Project with interpretive signage. This will be a future Commission agenda item.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a. Thursday, February 18, 4:00 p.m.; Joint Worksession with City Council. The agenda will be:

- 2020 Accomplishments
- 2021 Work Plan
- Museum Annual Report
- New Museum & Cultural Center Project update

A motion was made, seconded and approved to cancel the February 17, 2021 Lacey Historical Commission meeting.

- b. February 22, 2021, History Talks! A People's History of the Seven Inlets of the Southern Salish Sea with Charlene Krise of the Squaxin Island Tribe.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum project. Site plan review is complete. BP1 will be submitted for a permit on March 16. Construction Documents cost estimate for BP1 & BP2 due March 25. On track with timeline to get to 100% CD no later than May 17.

POWER

- Undergrounding to eliminate overhead power in the future, but will be temporarily overhead
- Trenching over to new transformer
- Bringing in temporary power (remove existing service from 5700 and reuse the existing transformer)

CIVIL

- Mostly demolition of the warehouse in this package
- Looking into cost for gravel over the entire demo site, which would be ideal, but there is a cost we need to stay within (alternative would be “bad” lawn, but we will work with what we have)

LEED

- We are at about 50 but need 55 to have a buffer
- We may get Salmon Safe in by end of April

VALUE ENGINEERING

- This work is ongoing
- Exterior wall panels – AEP Metal Siding (\$125,000) is the most affordable option. If tagged or dented, the whole 30’ panel would need to be replaced (might need more pressure washing-- every 5-6 yrs). Ruben is looking into coating.
- Fundermax Phenolic Panel (\$370,000) is vandal proof and for maintenance it would need to be pressure washed every 10 yrs. (add in as alternate)
- Concrete finish slab will have a standard finish with clear sealer but the polished finish will be an add alternate

NEXT MEETINGS. KMB to meet with IT and A/V on January 20, event staff and community users for power and A/V needs at the site on January 29. Next Design Development meeting will be on February 12, where they will provide new renderings.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION. Ms. Quinn Valcho reported that she and the architects met with representatives from the Nisqually and Squaxin Island Tribes. We are exploring options other than putting the treaty words in the walkway, including putting them in the vestibule. Poles will be kept simple.

EXHIBITS. Thanks to Fire District 3, we started exhibit planning with a kick off meeting. This contribution will take us through schematic design, which will provide the information we need to inform the construction documents. Lanny Weaver will be on the exhibit team and we are looking for one more team member.

b. Lacey Depot and Playground. Ms. Burbidge reported the site (including the restrooms) opened a few days prior to January 1st. We got 100+ positive Facebook comments in the first week.

- Temporary hours of operation signage is installed on both sides of the building; permanent signage is being designed to match the look and feel of the historic markers. Two of the smaller-sized park rules signs up will be going up. These are temporary until the new branded signs go up.

- The big sign explaining the museum project will be installed soon near the new parking lot (across Lebanon from the Depot).
 - Currently working on the virtual dedication, which will likely air in February.
 - We will be activating the site with a food truck location. The food truck plaza planned for east of Clearbrook will come later, but we want to get some things going on at the site to build excitement. This will be a challenge because our staffing isn't increasing.
- c. Jacob Smith House nomination form update. Ms. Quinn Valcho is looking for pictures that Commissioner Black had requested. The Commission requested copies of the renovation that she found.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recent acquisitions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to approve the recent acquisitions as presented.

- b. Rotary panel. Lacey Rotary is funding the third interpretative panel.
- c. Museum's Annual Report. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented the annual report. Mr. Ebel praised Ms. Quinn Valcho for the work she has accomplished this past year; all the Commissioners and Ms. Burbidge concurred.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs Committee. On hiatus.
- b. Archaeology Committee. On hiatus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Weaver reported:
- A number of inquiries from articles in the winter newsletter.
 - Chambers Prairie Cabin was likely Chambers Prairie school district #8.
- b. Others. None.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Included in previous annual report.
- b. Commissioners. No reports.
- c. Chair. No report.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported:
- New Covid-19 restrictions: biggest change is for athletics; must wear masks at all times, on and off the field.
 - The new Assistant City Manager is Shannon Kelley-Fong.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m. remote meeting via Zoom