

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Remote meeting via Zoom

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Jim Keogh, Seth Huff, and Sarah Thirtyacre.

Unexcused: Alan Tyler.

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

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society; Ken Balsley; Thurston County Historical Commission; Sonja Kady, Thurston County staff; and Jeremy Davis, Thurston County staff.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair, Erich Ebel.

AGENDA

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

Commissioner Huff proposed the following changes to the agenda:

1. Moving Item 7d Thurston County Commissioners before item 7a.
2. Adding item 8b Youth Council Member update under New Business.

MINUTES

The April 21, 2021 minutes were approved as amended and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

History Scavenger Hunt, May 28-June 11, starts at Lacey Depot.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum project. Ms. Burbidge shared we were awarded the next Heritage Capital Projects Grant. The grant funds Bid Package 1 (BP1), warehouse demolition and preparing the site for construction. Next steps are to contract with the state, then the City will advertise for a contractor, preferably in October. A contract could be approved by City Council in December, and construction could start in early 2021.

As of May 7 we needed to cut about \$100,000 from BP1 in order to be within the target budget, but we are on track to do so.

For site clean-up, we hope to have a “No Further Action” from the Department of Ecology soon. We have removed the monitoring wells and are securing the contract

for the soil replacement. Next contract is for the archaeology assessment as required by the Department of Archaeology & Historic Preservation. Next steps are for the Commission start conducting the historical background research, literature review, regulatory context statement, and the project description.

Final meeting with KMB Architects was on May 7.

- KMB is on track for final documents and cost estimate to be completed by May 31. They were able to reduce the list of add alternates to only three items (the others are included in the base bid). These include the extended parking lot, back-up generator and solar panels.
- Exhibits came in high, KMB to work with the designer reduce it.
- KMB confirmed the black roof is not an issue for energy consumption.

Salmon Safe. The stormwater design is favorable to certification so we will be moving forward. They have cut their fees in half (to \$9,400) and are continuing to see if they can discount any further since we only have \$7,500 from Nisqually Tribe. We will have the scope of services for our review by the end of the week.

KMB proposed adding skylights to the exhibit galleries to help keep the LEED points in range; however, due to the potential damage to collections, it was declined. Ms. Quinn Valcho was approached by a donor who wants to fund a museum component in the \$25,000 range.

Lacey Depot. Ms. Burbidge reported that the first month open is going really well. Food truck plaza opened at the end of April and has been popular. The hours have changed to 11:30 am until sold out due to the popularity. They are looking at extending into dinner hours. The Commission reviewed updates to the Depot Reservation Application, including removing weekday rentals and changing the location for barbecues. The application will be reviewed by the Park Board on June 2nd. After that, we can start taking reservations.

Motion was moved and seconded to approve the Lacey Depot Reservation Application as amended.

- b. Jacob Smith House nomination form update. No update.
- c. Thurston County interpretive panel proposal and project checklist. At the Lacey Historical Commission's (LHC) last meeting, commissioners voted to add this project to their 2022 Work Plan. The LHC would like to be involved with:
 - Identifying the size and scope of the project
 - Selecting the location
 - Partnering on installation
 - Selecting and reviewing content

The Thurston County Historical Commission met with RAC and maintenance staff to determine the best location. Three possible locations were identified: 1) closest to the baseball complex in the grass island, 2) by the drinking fountain/picnic shelter or 3)

soccer fields. Commissioner Huff will attend the Thurston County Historical Commission meetings. Commissioner Keogh will be the alternate.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recent acquisitions.

Motion was moved and seconded to approve the recent acquisitions.

- a) Youth Council Member update. Shannon Kelly-Fong, the City's new Assistant City Manager, has revamped the Youth Council format and City Council will approve the changes at tomorrow's meeting. Students from the Youth Council will serve on Park Board, Historical Commission, Planning Commission and Library Board and report back to Youth Council.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs Committee. On hiatus.
- b. Archaeology Committee-on hiatus. Commissioner Thirtyacre will set a meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Weaver reported:
 - She is working with former Commissioner Shirley Binkley on the log cabin research project.
 - The newsletter will be coming out soon.
 - September 30 is the tentative date for the annual meeting at the Community Center.
 - A different representative from LHS will attend summer meetings.
- b. Others. None.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared highlights from her report.
- b. Commissioners.
 - **Thirtyacre:** She is participating in a new professionals workshop once a month and provided information if other Commissioners would like to attend.
 - **Keogh:** His microphone is finally working.
- c. Chair. No report.
- d. Parks, Culture & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported:
 - Lacey Cares survey available until May 31st.
 - The Greg Cuoio Park & Greenways, a 537-acre planning project the City just launched. Another survey will be coming out for this project.
 - Staff will be gone in July, so we propose to cancel that meeting.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p. m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, June 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m. remote meeting via Zoom.