

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2018 6:00 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers

PRESENT

Commission: Jeff Crane, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz, Seth Huff, Thomas Smith, Thomas Sui, Sarah Thirtyacre and Alan Tyler.

Staff: Jennifer Burbidge, Carolyn Elliott and Erin Quinn Valcho.

Public: Lanny Weaver, Lacey Historical Society

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Erich Ebel.

INTRODUCTIONS:

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The March 21, 2018 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Burbidge shared an invitation to Lacey Veteran's Services Hub Fundraiser, "Toast to Veterans" Saturday, April 28, 2018, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Lacey Community Center.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- a) Ms. Quinn Valcho encouraged all to attend Kristina Trebil's recognition for her service on the Historical Commission, May 10th City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- b) Updated 2018 Calendar: Reviewed changes & added Lacey History Month proclamation at City Council, July 12th

Motion approved to adopt calendar as amended.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. New Museum Project Update. Ms. Burbidge and City Manager, Scott Spence met with the consultant team. Updates from that meeting include:
 - Extended the contract with Helix Design through September 2019.
 - Helix has finished all the items in the current scope of services; including a Condition Assessment. A more detailed review of the plumbing and mechanical systems is recommended and Helix will provide an estimate.
 - Heritage Capital Grant: scope of work to exclude exterior. If successful, construction documents will be completed with grant funds. The current estimate for architectural and engineering is \$833,600 including site work.

Items to continue/move forward on in 2018:

- Compton of Heritage Capital Grant
- Strategic planning for museum
- Fine tuning the museum communication plan, adding measureable goals
- Identifying key partners
- Invite the Nisqually and Squaxin tribes to consult on museum project. Ms. Thirtyacre agreed to lead this and make contact with tribal representatives.
- Identify ways to keep the museum relevant for different audiences
- Identify a foundation or non-profit that can be dedicated to fundraising
- Expand the museum's mission to celebrate Lacey's heritage, include the arts, and encompass community engagement.

The following ideas were discussed regarding the interim plans for the vacant building (site of the future museum):

- Paint the outside of the building, either dark red or brown (this summer)
- Hang banners on the outside of the building that have advertisements but also share its historic significance. Work with Community Development to make sure the banners comply with sign ordinance requirements.
- Rather than keep the building vacant, get activities going in the building with revenues going to the museum. Currently, Fast Signs is utilizing and paying for the use of a portion of the facility. Parks & Recreation may be able to use the site for programs and events; if it were a free event there would be no charge, if it were a paid event then there would be a charge, like with the Jacob Smith House, and revenues would go towards the museum.
- Some challenges include: no cleaning company, some work would need to be completed on floors before events could happen inside.

b. Train Depot Trail Amenity Update

Ms. Burbidge and Mr. Spence met with the consultant team to define cost saving efforts. The following are noted from that meeting.

- Intended timeline is to go out to bid in Spring or Summer 2019.
- Remove interior trim finishes from the base bid for an approximate savings of \$40,000. New gutters and downspouts will need to be added, which will increase cost by approximately \$15,000.
- Add stamped concrete as a bid alternate.
- Alternate foundation structure for a potential savings of \$32,000.
- Alternate plan for the soffits, a portion could be done with a different material that would not be visible by the public, for a potential savings of \$15,000.
- \$532,000 plus tax is the current total project estimate. Goal estimate is \$425,000.
- Commissioner Tyler attended a meeting with Ms. Burbidge and Wade Duffy, Building Official, prior to the consultant meeting. Mr. Tyler shared a good suggestion to get a better idea of estimating cost before going out to bid.

c. Pleasant Glade house photos.

Ms. Burbidge and Mr. Tyler took photos of the site. Commissioner Thirtyacre suggested checking with Thurston County to see if it is on the historic property

inventory or register since the house is 50 years old. The house has clearly been modified over the years.

d. Thurston County Through the Decades Transition.

Ms. Quinn Valcho reminded everyone that last meeting the board voted on their top two preferences for the new event for TCTD. The top two votes were:

- 1) Continue with TCTD @ Tumwater Falls or Thurston County Fairgrounds. (The fairgrounds may not be available)
- 2) Continue with TCTD programs at Tumwater Falls Park but schedule an earlier time.

The next step is to have groups meet, one person from each organization. Mr. Ebel will participate in this group.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Recent Acquisitions.

Motion approved to accept recent acquisitions.

b. Updated 2018 Work Plan.

Motion approved to adopt amended 2018 Work Plan.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs. No meeting. Ms. Quinn Valcho shared with new Commissioner the two-fold purpose of the committee: 1. to revise and create policies for the Museum and the Historical Commission. 2. Lead the Museum through the StEPs (Standards and Excellence Program for History Institutions) program to help the museum attain the highest level of best practices possible with current resources.

PUBLIC COMMENT

a. Lacey Historical Society. Ms. Weaver reported:

- Gallagher House sale closed on Thursday, April 12th
- The vacant lot sale will close on April 24th.
- The Lacey Historical Society would like to co-sponsor the John Dodge book signing.
- Ms. Weaver will be interviewed by Deb Ross for a Panorama TV program and she will be talking about Lacey in 1891
- The Historical Society would like to propose the historic street sign name "Adams Street" for Bowker Street.

b. Others. None present.

REPORTS

a. Museum/Curator.

Ms. Quinn Valcho reported on highlights from her written report.

b. Commissioners:

- Mr. Tyler reported that his meeting with Ms. Burbidge and Mr. Duffy went well. He will attend other meetings as his work schedule permits.
- Ms. Thirtyacre reported one of her colleagues chairs the Olympia Heritage Commission and they are working on a consortium meeting of area heritage

commissions. She will get more information and bring it back to the next meeting.

c. Chair. Mr. Ebel reported:

- He and Lanny attended the Local Historians conference which is hosted by the Olympia Tumwater Foundation. Lacey was very well represented and it was very educational.
- Met Craig from Kipper's Corner, he purchases and restores locomotives. Mr. Ebel said if he ever needed a place to store a locomotive we'd be happy to assist.
- Just finished his first Washington State History video. He suggested visiting Washingtonourhome.com to view the video.

d. Parks & Recreation Director.

- Ms. Burbidge will be out of town for the May meeting.
- June 2nd at 10:00am there will be a ceremony renaming the Woodland Park Trail to the Karen Fraser Woodland Trail.
- Shared with the Mayor that a spray park at the new museum site is not an idea that the Historical Commission supports.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 6:00 p.m. at Lacey City Hall