

LACEY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

PRESENT

Commission: David Black, Erich Ebel, Kimberly Goetz ,Seth Huff, Seiji Naotsuka, Sarah Thirtyacre, and Alan Tyler.

Excused: Jeff Crane.

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 6:05 p.m. by Chair, Erich Ebel.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

The June 17, 2020 minutes were approved as written and placed on record.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No updates.

OLD BUSINESS

a. Depot Trail Amenity.

- Depot is officially complete. Fencing will stay up until the playground is done.
- Since we are in Phase 3, we can technically book the facility and allow up to 50 people with a safety plan in place, but we are currently unable to get the restrooms cleaned twice a day (Thurston County Health Department standard and the standard that all the parks departments in the county are meeting). We are struggling to get all restrooms opened in all parks. At other locations with shelters, we have at least ADA restrooms open/cleaned twice a day.
- Next month, the agenda will include scheduling for public access.
- Playground equipment is scheduled to arrive by August 10 and be installed before the end of August.
- Lacey Rotary will help with a portion of the installation, with a limit of 50 people and social distancing with masks. As limits allow, Historical Commission will also be invited to participate.
- A proper grand opening event will not be possible until Phase 4.

- b. New Museum project. Jen reviewed the draft staff report for the upcoming August 6 joint worksession with City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Historian of the Year. Ms. Quinn Valcho presented her nomination of Marisa Merkel for Historian of the Year.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to award Marisa Merkel as Historian of the Year.

- b. Recent Acquisitions.

Motion carried to approve recent acquisitions.

Ad Hoc COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Policy/StEPs. No report--on hiatus.
- b. Archaeology Committee. On hiatus, although staff are meeting next week with Shaun Dinublio, Archaeologist from the Squaxin Island Tribe.

REPORTS

- a. Museum/Curator. Ms. Quinn Valcho gave highlights of her reports.
- b. Commissioners.
 - Commissioner Black reported he is going to North Carolina to work on a museum project.
 - Commissioner Tyler reported he was at Ocean Shores Interpretive Center and would highly recommend visiting.
- c. Chair. Mr. Ebel thanked Ms. Burbidge and Ms. Valcho for the time they have spent strategizing for the upcoming Council meeting. He also thanked Ms. Valcho for the quick turnaround on his photo request.
- d. Parks & Recreation Director. Ms. Burbidge reported there is a new appreciation for how important parks and open spaces are to the community. She gave an update on the status of department programs and facilities:
 - Parks and Recreation has started a few programs
 - The Senior Center will not open until at least January.
 - ACT Nights will not begin until at least January.
 - City Hall is now open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. by appointment only.
 - The Community Center has had the HVAC replaced.
 - The skate park at Rainier Vista will be closed for safety and project improvements beginning Monday, July 20 for two weeks.
 - Two projects have been put on hold: The Community Outreach and Greg Cuoio Park planning projects.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.