

MEETING NOTES

Thurston County Historic Commission
Wednesday, August 11, 2021
Thurston County Community Planning & Economic Development
2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Bldg.1, Room 280, Olympia, WA 98502

Members & Alternates Present: Rob Kirkwood, Elaine Taylor, Grace Edwards, Bill Lindstrom, Charlie Roe, Sandy Crowell,

Members & Alternates Absent: Beth Mathews, Ken Balsley, Tamara Hayes

Chairing: Rob Kirkwood

Staff Present: Sonja Cady, Community Planning & Economic Development
Jeremy Davis, Community Planning & Economic Development

Guests: Seth Huff, Lacey Historic Commission

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. by Chair Kirkwood.

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Attendance

Attendance of the Historic Commission was noted by Staff.

2. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Edwards moved to approve August 11, 2021 agenda. Commissioner Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Meeting Notes

Commissioner Taylor moved to approve the meeting notes. Commissioner Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

B. Heritage Days

The Commission discussed whether to hold the Heritage Summit in person as previously decided, or virtually due to the rising numbers in Covid. It was decided to plan on holding the meeting virtually for safety and to prevent any last-minute cancellations costs with a venue and food order.

C. History Book Report

Mr. Davis informed the Commission that the County will be able to purchase the books as soon as possible. The purchase has been approved by the budget office, and Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum have given input on the ratio of softback to hardback books they think would sell best. The next steps will be to amend the contract with OHS and BHM and receive final Board approval.

D. RAC Interpretive Panels Update

Seth Huff with the City of Lacey Historic Commission will be attending future meetings as the liaison for the RAC project. Mr. Huff shared the four elements of the project that the Lacey Historic Commission would like to be involved with: 1. The size and scope of the project, 2. Selecting the location, 3. Partnering on the installation, 4. Selecting and reviewing the content. All these things would need to be approved by the Lacey Commission. Mr. Huff is happy share any information and questions the TCHC may have.

Commissioner Kirkwood shared a photo of the kiosk at the Port of Olympia that the Historic Commission plans to model the RAC kiosk after. He also shared a site plan depicting the proposed location of the sign. Commissioner Kirkwood would like to have the subcommittee meet to outline a schedule for the writing of the panels, Mr. Huff is welcome to attend these meetings. Mr. Huff also discussed how the City of Lacey’s mission is in alignment with the Thurston County Historic Commissions goals to be broad and inclusive of all cultures and recognizing how each culture contributes to Thurston County.

Mr. Davis stated that installation would go through Public Works and would most likely go through a bidding process. The City of Lacey and Thurston County would eventually need to have an MOU for maintenance of the kiosks.

E. Plaques

Staff will follow up with the legal on the proposal.

F. Staff Updates

Mr. Davis updated the Historic Commission on the recent budget approval for Historic Commission projects for 2022.

G. Other Business

There was no other business.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Prepared by Sonja Cady, Historic Commission staff.

