



LANDMARKS AND HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD

October 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes
American Lake Conference Room
6000 Main Street SW
Lakewood, WA 98499

“The mission of the City of Lakewood Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board is to preserve, protect and promote the unique heritage and historic resources of the City of Lakewood”

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Mr. Glen Spieth, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MEETING PROTOCOL

Roll Call

Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board Members Present: Glen Spieth, Chair; Joan Cooley, Bill Elder, Beth Campbell and Marjorie Thomas-Candau (Marjorie arrived after approval vote on June 27 minutes).

Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board Members Excused: Bob Jones

Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board Members Absent: None

Council Liaison to LHAB is Councilmember John Simpson

Staff Present: Andrea Bell, Associate Planner and Karen Devereaux, Administrative Assistant

Acceptance/Changes to Agenda

Staff requested that Mr. Christopher Staudinger of Pretty Gritty Tours be moved forward and allowed to present to the group before discussions begin. LHAB members agreed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2019 were approved as written by voice vote, M/S/C Elder/Cooley. Motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously, 4-0.

Announcements

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Pretty Gritty Tours

Mr. Christopher Staudinger described his background as an investigative journalist and interest in presenting tours for the Landmarks and Heritage Advisory Board. Mr. Staudinger is successfully working with cities in the Pierce and Thurston counties; Tacoma, and the Tacoma Historic Preservation Office, Steilacoom, Bucoda, and Olympia.

Mr. Staudinger presented his approach in writing tours and the typical range of costs. Three options were provided: Write a specific focus tour and present 2 free tours a year for \$1,000 contract. Option 2 would utilize 5 yearly tours for \$2,000.00 contract. These two options would include his team writing the tour, presenting the tours to public, and all of the online advertising for each of the events (either 2 or 5 tour events within the year). The third option presented was to write a self-guided walking tour to post onto the LHAB webpage for the driving tour maps.

Pretty Gritty Tours recently gave a lantern tour of Ft. Steilacoom Park that was quite successful. Mr. Staudinger noted a paranormal aspect and brewery tours get the most favorable reaction from participants. The group discussed a few focus tours they may be interested in such as a sweeping tour of the old Fort Steilacoom officers' buildings and old settlers cemetery, Colonial Plaza, Norton Clapp architecture throughout the area, the post-War homes of Oak Park neighborhood, and the 2-mile wooden board track of the Tacoma Speedway course through Lakewood just to mention a few. Noting he was up to the challenge of such a rich and historic city as Lakewood, Mr. Staudinger suggested making a short list of a few specific tours to start narrowing down the first choice. LHAB members are eager to move forward after budget decisions are made.

REPORTS BY HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER OR STAFF

2020 Work Plan

Ms. Andrea Bell, Associate Planner, led the discussion on work items for the 2020 Work Plan. Members shared ideas and all agreed to keep all six goals currently on the list. During the September Joint Council Meeting members discussed adding research creating a historic walking tour, which is now item seven on the list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Pierce County Grant

Ms. Andrea Bell reiterated information from Ms. Courtney Brunell on the \$2300 left in funds available to allocate toward items on the work plan. Originally, in May 2019, LHAB members submitted a grant application requesting funds for implementing a historic streets recognition program. The \$2300 is intended to be used as a match for this grant and subsequent work, if awarded. Notification of award is expected early next month. LHAB members decided to wait on this grant information before choosing how to move forward and which item to fund first during their November meeting.

Next Meeting the next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 6:00 PM in the American Lake Conference Room in City Hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



11/21/2019
Glen Spieth, Chair
Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board



11/21/2019
Karen Devereaux, Recording Secretary to the
Landmarks & Heritage Advisory Board