



Langley Arts Commission Minutes
Thursday April 12, 2018 - 9:30 AM
Langley City Hall

Attendance

Diane Divelbess (Chair), Joann Quintana (Secretary), Don Wodjenski, Hank Nelson, Ann Johnson, Mary Ann Mansfield, Brigid Reynolds (City Planning Director), Peter Morton (City Council Liaison)
Regrets – Callahan McVay

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Diane Divelbess at 9:30 AM.

Statement of Possible Conflict of Interest

Diane Divelbess read from the City of Langley's "Guiding Principles for Committees and Boards."

Introduction of Guests

Guest present: Frank Rose, Chair, Langley Public Arts Consortium

Approval of Agenda

A motion was unanimously passed to approve the meeting's agenda with one amendment: In II. Reports, letter g. was added for Don Wodjenski to give a report concerning a mural created by students of South Whidbey High School.

Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2018

A motion was made by Mary Ann Mansfield, seconded by Don Wodjenski and unanimously passed to approve the March 8, 2018 meeting minutes with no amendments.

I. DISCUSSION

a. Call to Artists for 2018-2020 Sculpture on Second Street

Brigid Reynolds presented the Request for Proposal (RFP) for outdoor sculpture on Second Street. The sculptures on public display now are due to be replaced. The committee reviewed, discussed and made a number of changes to the RFP document. Revisions to the timeline now call for the review process of submittals to be completed by June 14 and a recommendation made to the City Council. Installation and unveiling of the new works will occur June 22-23.

Mary Ann Mansfield made a motion to accept the committee's revisions and that they be incorporated into the Request for Proposal Outdoor Sculpture on Second Street. The motion was seconded by Ann Johnson and unanimously approved by the committee.

b. Utility Boxes Art Wrap-around Project

Ann Johnson presented an update concerning whether Whidbey Tel, through its grant program, might fund the proposal by Debra Waterman for three utility boxes to be "wrapped" in vinyl art. One is in front of the Post Office, one in front of the Firehouse, one in front of Sweet Mona's. Debra Waterman brought the idea to the Main Street Association and Main Street recommended Debra approach LAC.

In conversations held with Whidbey Tel representatives, the company indicated that it is willing to allow its boxes to be wrapped in vinyl art and that it will contribute funding for the project. What Whidbey Tel "receives in return" is publicity for its contribution. The selection of the artists and their concepts for wrapping the boxes will go through the LAC Call to Artists process, with the LAC recommendations forwarded to the Langley City Council for approval.

It was agreed that the business person who will manufacture the vinyl wraps will be involved in the Call to Artists review process to ensure that the designs selected can be successfully and pleasingly reproduced as wrapped vinyl art.

The total estimated price for wrapping the three boxes is \$1,932. City Councilmember Peter Morton offered to contribute his councilman salary of \$200 to the utility box wrap-around project. Ann Johnson will work with Brigid Reynolds to continue efforts on this project.

c. Location of New Sculpture Pedestal

Don Wodjenski presented a map indicating possible locations for a new pedestal for loaned public art display. It would be the sixth such pedestal in Langley.

Locations suggested: First and Anthes at Whale Bell Park; Second Street at Langley Village (by Sweet Mona's); Cascade Avenue at east end of Second Street; First Street at Cascade and Wharf Streets.

Joann Quintana suggested that it might make sense to find a location outside of the immediate downtown area, recommending the new Community Center (former Middle School) as a potential location, especially since this area is seen as being part of a future "Art District" in Langley.

Don Wodjenski and Ann Johnson will find out from the Community Center and South Whidbey Schools whether they would be interested in such a pedestal for public display of art at that location. Don Wodjenski and Ann Johnson also will talk with Mona Newbauer about that location, especially since her shop is located in Langley Village, which is privately owned.

II. REPORTS:

a. City Insurance for Temporary Art

Brigid Reynolds reported that City Clerk Debbie Mahler has confirmed that as part of the city's insurance policy, the city's insurer will cover art that is temporarily displayed. The insurer will need documentation that includes the value of each piece and photographs.

b. LPAC Status Report

Frank Rose, chair of the Langley Public Arts Consortium, provided an update on LPAC's activities. Frank reported that the Langley City Council approved the formation of LPAC as a committee to raise funds for public art in Langley. The initial one-year LPAC goal is \$50,000, of which \$8,500 has been pledged or donated already. LPAC has been organized into three teams, each with different responsibilities and kick-off events are being planned.

c. Walking Tour Brochure

Joann Quintana reported that the Ad Hoc Tourism Committee was not yet finalized and that she intended to take Walking Tour Brochure ideas she had sketched out to this committee. Diane Divelbess recommended against waiting till formation of this committee, and instead sharing the ideas with the Langley Chamber of Commerce. The Walking Tour Brochure envisioned would include all art on public display in Langley, but also include galleries and locations where local, artisanal, made-by-hand goods and performance art can be found. Also included: an app where people can take the tour using their phones.

d. Langley Art Inventory

Don Wodjenski reported that he needs to meet with Brigid Reynolds to identify which pieces of art in the city are owned by the city, and which are not. He also inquired about a numbering system for the inventory. Ownership is unclear for some pieces and for the artist's name is unknown for some pieces. Don Wodjenski tracked down the artist who created the bell at Whale Bell Park – a high school senior who created the bell as an Eagle Scout project in 2009.

e. Cloudstone Open House and Award Ceremony April 21, 2018

Hank Nelson reported that every year International Sculpture Day is celebrated throughout the world, and sculptors are asked to open up their workspaces and show their works. This will mark the third year where Hank Nelson's creation – Cloudstone – will be open for public tours, with the goal being to educate the public about three-dimensional sculpture art.

It was also reported that on April 21st Hank Nelson and Sue Taves – both Whidbey Island sculptors – will receive special recognition awards from Sculpture Northwest for their work and dedication to sculpture.

f. South Whidbey Community Center

Ann Johnson reported that there are still some spaces available for lease at the Community Center. She reported that the spaces rented thus far are an interesting mix. The variety in how space is being used is occurring naturally. The Community Center has a Facebook presence and coming up will be a gathering called South Whidbey International Food Festival.

g. Mural by South Whidbey High School students

Don Wodjenski reported that South Whidbey High School teacher Brittany Brandt has her students working on mural ideas now. Don Wodjenski will meet with the teacher next week. Preferred location for the mural is the east side of the Firehouse.

III. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

For the Good of the Order

Ann Johnson reported on a special, upcoming Whidbey Children's Theater fundraising event to be held April 21st.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 PM.

The next LAC meeting is Thursday May 10 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joann Hamick Quintana, Secretary