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# City of Langley

**WWAH**

**MINUTES**

**2020 08 04**

## **Whale Bell Park**

1. Call to Order at 9:30 am, all Committee members present plus Pam Schell, Joann Quintana, and Frank Rose. Less than 10 people present with social distancing and masks. Committee member Fred Lundahl, called away during meeting, provided voting proxy to Peter Morton.
2. Agenda was approved.
3. Conflict of Interest Statement acknowledged
4. WWAH Committee members approved minutes of 2020 07 21
5. Discussion Items:
  - a. Michaleen McGarry confirmed plans to collect and bank Wishing Whale donations by Langley Main Street, which will open a Whidbey Island Bank account, possible name: "Friends of Wishing Whale". Two persons representing Whale Center & Langley Main Street organizations will count funds. Fred Lundahl of Whale Center and Michaleen McGarry emptied the Wishing Whale collection box, counted money, and documented same. LAF representatives emphasized the Intention of LAF is to use collected funds toward development, ADA access, beautification, etc. of Seawall Park. Michaleen indicated funds collected could be returned by Langley Main Street to LAF for their management at such time as LAF becomes an official non-profit organization.
  - b. Stan Berryman confirmed City of Langley will provide maintenance of Wishing Whale site.
  - c. Frank Rose and Joann Quintana reported the Langley Arts Fund (LAF) recommendations:
    - i. Wishing Whale site Plaque design: a bronze plaque mounted at an angle on a decorative rock about 2-3 feet high at entrance to the site in clear view of visitors will provide prominent Wishing Whale donation instructions and caution "do not climb on sculpture". It will include smaller font text for founding donor recognition. Plaque nomenclature was presented and accepted by WWAH members with minor

format suggestions to be executed by a vendor proof. LAF to manage. An informal meeting of LAF and WWAH Committee members will be called when proof becomes available. See WWAH Committee City Council presentation for a mockup photo. LAF agreed to follow up on plaque and decorative rock(s) acquisition and pay costs.

ii. LAF representatives confirmed sufficient funds remain to cover the expense of plaque and associated costs, and possible gifts to founding donors for celebration of Wishing Whale installation. The discussion on gifts explored pewter and/or bronze miniatures of the Wishing Whale, masks and/or bags with a Wishing Whale motif. Possibility of future sales of these gifts at the Whale Center was discussed.

d. A discussion occurred regarding the possibility of paving the current crushed rock walkway to the sculpture. WWAH Committee members agreed this would be a better long-term solution for the site. Stan Berryman agreed to investigate the costs, a suitable contractor, and the process by which LAF could pay for or reimburse the City for costs. Dominique provided Stan with contact information for a qualified contractor to do the work, and Peter will follow up with Stan. This is an optional item approved by the WWAH Committee. The artist is to be consulted about this idea, which has since been accomplished by Peter, and the artist agrees. Details, color, style of paving, etc., can be reviewed at future informal meeting(s) of LAF and WWAH Committee members.

e. A discussion occurred regarding balancing the landscaping and influencing public walking on the planting area by installing a small decorative rock at a location midway on the planting area balanced by another larger decorative rock at a location between the sculpture and the Whale Bell. It was agreed that the artist should be consulted before proceeding, which has since been accomplished by Peter, and the artist agrees. As this is an optional item approved by the WWAH Committee, the concept can be reviewed at future on-site informal meeting(s) of LAF and WWAH Committee members.

f. A discussion occurred about lighting the sculpture because the site is shaded by the tree and is relatively dark even in broad daylight. While there is a light across the street at night, lighting would benefit the decorative aspects and public safety during night hours. WWAH Committee members discussed that the tree has electricity used for holiday lighting, and LAF member Joann Quintana suggested lighting the sculpture using "Dark Skies" principles from the tree would be the best environmental and functional solution. As this is an optional item approved by WWAH Committee members, concepts for lighting can best be developed and reviewed by LAF and WWAH Committee members at meeting(s) on site.

g. A discussion occurred about publicity and celebration of the sculpture installation. LAF (Joann Quintana) is preparing a near term media release. Details of possible ceremony formats and dates and persons involved in a future celebration of the Wishing Whale installation, including possible involvement of the Langley Mayor and other public figures were discussed. Decisions were deferred until more is known about Covid-19 rules that

will prevail around the October 2020 time frame. WWAH Committee members defer planning and execution to the usual bodies involved in City ceremonies.

6. New Business & citizen comments. No new business, no citizen comments.
7. Announcements. The WWAH Committee chair will prepare a presentation for the Langley City Council August 17 meeting. Review of these minutes by WWAH members has taken place via email so as to inform City Council of Committee progress and discuss WWAH Committee sunset.
8. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 am.
9. Next Meeting: These minutes, V03, are a result of coordination by email with WWAH Committee members. Approval of minutes requires opportunity for real-time interaction of Committee members in a setting that provides for public view, therefore a WWAH Zoom meeting is called on Tuesday August 18 at 9:30 am for discussion of approval of V03 of these August 4 minutes and a decision to sunset the WWAH Committee.

V03 of minutes is respectfully submitted by Peter M Morton, Chair, WWAH Committee;  
8/12/20