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City of Langley
Arts Commission
MINUTES
October 11, 2018
LANGLEY CITY HALL
112 2nd Street, Langley WA

1. Attendance

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

2. Guests

Frank Rose (Chair, Langley Public Arts Consortium-LPAC); Burt Beusch (LPAC); Inge Morascini (Executive Director, Langley Chamber of Commerce); Kay Parsons (President, Whidbey Island Arts Council-WIAC); Diane Cheak (Treasurer, WIAC); Keegan Harshman (LAC vacant seat applicant); Christina Kitchens (LAC vacant seat applicant).

3. Call to order – 9:36 am

4. Approval of Agenda

A general report regarding improvements to Seawall Park was added to the agenda, to occur when the Seawall Park Luau is reported on. Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Mary Ann Mansfield, seconded by Joann Quintana, unanimously approved.

5. Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2018

A change from “a motion was approved” to “it was recommended” in the September meeting minutes. Motion to approve the amended September meeting minutes made by Ann Johnson, seconded by Don Wodjenski, unanimously passed.

6. Discussion Items:

a. "Umbrella" Relationship of LPAC with Whidbey Island Arts Council - Frank Rose, Kay Parsons

Frank Rose introduced Kay Parsons and Diane Cheak from the Whidbey Island Arts Council (WIAC). Frank introduced the concept of forming a relationship between the Langley Public Arts Commission (LPAC) (a subcommittee of the Langley Arts Commission) and the Whidbey Island Arts Council.

With this relationship, WIAC would serve as an umbrella 501(c)(3) non-profit and keep the accounts for a small administrative fee. Funds that LPAC raised would go into the WIAC-managed Langley Arts Fund and be available for Langley arts projects being pursued by the Langley Arts Commission and subject to the approval of the Langley City Council.

The purposes of seeking this relationship are:

- 1) To conform with non-profit 501(c)(3) rules and regulations in regard to receiving and reporting arts-related donations for use in Langley.
- 2) To free the city of Langley from the administrative burden of tracking arts-related contributions.
- 3) To provide the Langley Arts Commission with greater flexibility to pursue art projects that may not, or could not, have been foreseen and placed in advance in the city budget.
- 4) To continue to maintain the Langley City Council's authority to accept or reject privately funded arts projects, with LPAC bringing projects to the Langley Arts Commission, and LAC bringing them to the Langley City Council.

The discussion that followed focused on whether funds raised and expended in this manner would need to go through the city budget process.

A motion was made by Joann Quintana and seconded by Mary Ann Mansfield to pass the following motion, which was unanimously approved.

The Langley Arts Council (LAC) seeks approval from the City Council to have a formal relationship with the Whidbey Island Arts Council (WIAC) where private donations for Langley arts projects are made to the Langley Arts Fund, part of WIAC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. LAC would draw upon these funds. All projects would be approved by the city council

b. Interview candidates and recommend one to fill LAC vacancy - Diane Divelbess

The two candidates for the LAC open seat were interviewed, with the two having already met with the mayor and the mayor having approved of both.

Christina Kitchens received Mary Ann Mansfield's vote. Keegan Harshman received the votes of Diane Divelbess, Don Wodjenski, Hank Nelson, Joann Quintana and Ann Johnson.

A motion was made by Ann Johnson to recommend Keegan Harshman to the city council as the next LAC member and to keep Christina's file active in regard to future LAC vacancies. Mary Ann Mansfield seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Director for LAC Sculpture Program – Diane Divelbess

A motion was made by Diane Divelbess and seconded by Joann Quintana to approve Don Wodjenski to lead the LAC's loaned sculpture program. The motion was unanimously passed.

d. Placement of bronze sculpture offered on loan to City – Don Wodjenski, Inge Morascini

Langley Chamber of Commerce executive director Inge Morascini presented her idea to contribute to making Langley an arts city by placing a loaned Hank Nelson bronze sculpture in front of the Chamber's office on Anthes. With the city's new signage plan, the Chamber will be replacing its current sign and the installation of the sculpture could be completed at the same time, and the area cleaned up with plantings. Inge pointed out that 10,000 newcomers explore the city every year. Joann Quintana pointed out that a sign on the sculpture base could mention seeing more of Hank Nelson's work at Cloudstone, providing visitors with another thing to do.

A discussion followed. The issue was tabled without a motion in order to provide more time for crafting a specific plan for displaying Hank's work in front of the Chamber.

e. RFP requirement for City Contractor's License – Don Wodjenski

Don reported that he was working with the city and the artists to iron out details, but that the contract required a city contractor's license by the artist in order to get paid.

7. REPORTS:

a. LPAC Update – Frank Rose

The discussion and motion regarding the umbrella relationship with WIAC (see above) was Frank's LPAC update and Frank had nothing further to add.

b. September 29, 2018 Seawall Park Luau and Seawall Park improvements update – Don Wodjenski, Joann Quintana, Burt Beusch

Seawall Park Luau: Don Wodjenski reported on the success of the luau event. \$545 in donations were received to help cover food and other expenses. There was a complaint from a bluff property owner that private property was not respected during the event.

Seawall Park improvements: Joann Quintana gave an update on motions passed by the Parks and Open Space Commission in regard to moving forward with park improvements.

d. October 14, 2018 private fundraiser – Diane Divelbess

Diane Divelbess reported on the upcoming fundraiser at her house in regard to Seawall Park improvements.

e. "Wraparound" presentation to City Council on October 15, 2018 – Ann Johnson

Ann Johnson said she is creating a slide presentation concerning the "wraparounds" for utility boxes and will deliver the presentation to the city council on October 15, seeking council approval.

f. Art on Display at South Whidbey Community Center – Mary Ann Mansfield

Mary Ann Mansfield reported that she is continuing discussions with the South Whidbey Community Center and that the Center very much wants art displayed and incorporated into its plans.

8. New Business - none
9. Citizen comments - none
10. Announcements - none
11. Adjourn – 11:37 am
12. Next Regular Meeting:

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 9:30 AM at Langley City Hall.