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City of Langley
LANGLEY ARTS COMMISSION (LAC)
MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2019
LANGLEY CITY HALL
112 2nd Street, Langley WA

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:36 AM.

Chair, Diane Divelbess, Joann Quintana, Mary Ann Mansfield, Ann Johnson, Hank Nelson, Don Wodjenski, Brigid Reynolds, Director of Community Planning. Absent Keegan Harshman.

Guests: Verna Everitt of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Frank Rose of Langley Arts Fund; Jesse Levesque of the South Whidbey Community Center.

- 2. Approve agenda** – Mary Ann Mansfield moved, Ann Johnson seconded, and members unanimously approved the meeting agenda. Diane Divelbess recommended that everyone read Guiding Principles for Commissions and Boards.

- 3. Approve minutes** – The LAC meeting minutes for December 13, 2018 were unanimously approved, with Ann Johnson making the motion, and Mary Ann Mansfield seconding it.

- 4. Discussion Items:**

- a. Chamber of Commerce sculpture, Don:**

The pedestal has been completed. Pick-up and placement of the sculpture must await the return of Hank Nelson's assistant who is on winter break and expected to return before mid-March. Hank Nelson, Frank Rose and Don Wodjenski helped select the piece.

- b. Art wraparound, Ann Johnson:**

The RFP draft has been prepared for the art wraparound. Committee members reviewed the draft and made recommendations for changes and additions.

c. Certified Creative Arts District, Diane Divelbess, Joann Quintana

A discussion was held concerning creation of a certified Creative Arts District in Langley. It was decided that the boundary of the district should stay within the city limits of Langley, be walkable, and that the scope of the work needs to be better defined by a small working group before a larger group of stakeholders is convened.

Before the next LAC meeting, a smaller group that includes Verna Everitt, Jesse Levesque, Gail LaVassar, Joann Quintana and Ann Johnson, will go through the Creative Arts Districts workbook and provide LAC with a summary.

Joann Quintana will find and bring to the next meeting a “model” arts district zoning code example.

d. Langley Arts Fund Wishing Whale project, Frank Rose:

Langley Arts Fund (LAF) plans to raise funds to create and gift to the City of Langley a large, bronze Wishing Whale sculpture to be placed at the Anthes entrance to Seawall Park. The sculpture will contain a bank for visitors to make a wish with money. Funds raised will go toward maintenance of Seawall Park. Georgia Gerber is working on designs for the sculpture.

5. New Business

Don Wodjenski is working on a revised RFP for the city’s rotating sculpture program. He is also creating a task list/checklist to indicate when and which sculptures are due to be replaced.

LAC members discussed the status of the budget. It was determined that the Langley City Council did not include enough funds for the LAC to replace sculpture in 2019. Either the pedestals will sit empty, or private funds must be raised for the rotating sculpture program.

6. Citizen Comment

Jesse Levesque expressed the desire of the South Whidbey Community Center to have sculpture and other art displayed. Also, restoration of the Fairgrounds totem pole is being looked at. The pole was not created by a tribal artist so no tribe is interested in having or repairing it.

7. Announcements

Diane Divelbess announced that she created one of the art pigs on display at the Front Room Gallery at Bayview Corner. The pigs will be auctioned and Diane is donating the money from her pig’s sale to the Langley Arts Fund.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM. The next LAC meeting will be Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 9:30 AM at Langley City Hall.