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**City of Langley**  
**LANGLEY ARTS COMMISSION (LAC)**  
**MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2019**  
**LANGLEY CITY HALL**  
112 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Langley WA

**1. Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM. LAC member Hank Nelson was absent. All other LAC members were present. Also attending: Brigid Reynolds, city planning director; Peter Morton, Langley City Council member. Guests: Verna Everitt of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Frank Rose of Langley Arts Fund; Jesse Levesque of the South Whidbey Community Center/Port District; Alexandra Ann Brady, a Running Start high school and Skagit College student.

**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 January 10, 2019 were unanimously approved, with Ann Johnson making the motion, and Don Wodjenski seconding it.

**4. Discussion Items:**

**a. Certified Creative District for Langley – Mary Ann Mansfield**

Mary Ann will chair a working group that will go through the workbook from the state and prepare answers for the Langley application. The group consists of Mary Ann Mansfield and Joann Quintana from the Langley Arts Commission, Brigid Reynolds from the City of Langley, Verna Everitt from WICA, Renee Neff from Shakespeare Theater, Larry Lehtonen from the Port of South Whidbey, Jesse Levesque from the South Whidbey Community Center and the Port.

This core group will take care of the “bones” of the application before sharing it with all other stakeholders.

Brigid pointed out that the Port has its own land use plan created in 2008. The “arts overlay” by the city would be for the purposes of expanding uses in the remainder of a potential creative district.

The advantages of such a creative district were discussed, such as potential grant money, publicity and other assistance from the state of Washington.

A motion was made by Don Wodjenski, seconded by Ann Johnson and unanimously approved that the Langley Arts Commission (LAC) seek the endorsement of the Langley City Council for the LAC to lead an effort to pursue a State-Certified Creative District in Langley.

**b. Spring Whidbey Arts Forum – Diane Divelbess**

Diane Divelbess is seeking a date toward the end of March or in April for the spring Whidbey Arts Forum, sponsored by the Langley Arts Commission. The discussion focused on the topic of the forum being the proposed State Certified Creative District in Langley.

**c. Rotating Sculpture Program – Don Wodjenski**

Don and Brigid have worked to update and revise the city's artist application for the rotating sculpture program. LAC members will review and the final will be presented at the March LAC meeting. It was clarified that the Chamber site where Hank Nelson's sculpture will be located is not part of the city's sculpture program as yet. The Nelson piece is on-loan from Hank to the Chamber. The Nelson sculpture is expected to be in place by the end of the month. Peter Morton asked if the City Council needed to approve of the Nelson piece selected for the Chamber location. Brigid advised that the LAC advises and the City Council always makes the final decision. As this sculpture is not part of the city rotating sculpture program, Brigid said she will talk with city officials to figure out if additional approvals are needed.

**d. Art wraparounds – Ann Johnson**

The RFP has been issued for the art wrap of the utility box near Mona's Chocolates. Ann will get in touch with Whidbey Tel again. Brigid Reynolds spoke with Mona's about it, as did Ann.

**e. Langley Arts Fund; the Wishing Whale – Frank Rose**

The Langley Arts Fund (LAF) made a decision to pursue a 12-foot bronze Wishing Whale by Georgia Gerber. Frank said it will be located at the Anthes entrance to Seawall Park in Whale Bell Park, and will be a gift to the City of Langley. Its orientation will be with the whale's head pointing toward the water. LAF will meet with Stan Berryman to discuss utility location issues in regard to the whale's siting and future installation. LAF is developing a fundraising strategy. Initial efforts will be with large private donors, then a later public effort.

**f. International sculpture event – Frank Rose**

Sculpture Northwest will be highlighting sculpture throughout the region on April 27-28 for International Sculpture Day. The Freeland Arts Studio will be the location of the open house and three people will be honored: Lloyd Whannell, Lane Tompkins and Therese Kingsbury. Langley's Rob Schouten hopes to complete the sculpture garden adjacent to his gallery by the April 27 date. Cloudstone will be open to the public on this weekend.

**5. New Business:** A group in town will be meeting to discuss resurrecting Choochokum. Mary Ann, Don and Frank hope to attend and will report back to LAC.

**6. Announcements:** Don's photography exhibit will be at WICA through March. Ann announces the upcoming Children's Theater productions of Dr. Dolittle and James and the Giant Peach. Also mentioned, Gabe Harshman will be next Middle School musical director. WICA is looking for a box office manager/volunteer coordinator (paying job).

**7. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM. The next LAC meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 9:30 AM at Langley City Hall.