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City of Langley
LANGLEY ARTS COMMISSION (LAC)
MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2019
LANGLEY CITY HALL
112 2nd Street, Langley WA

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:34 AM. All LAC members were present. Also attending: Peter Morton, City Council liaison; Brigid Reynolds, city planning director. Representing the work group for a Certified Creative District: Larry Lehtonen, Clyde Monma, Verna Everitt, Tristan Steele, Inge Morascini, Peggy Juve, Gail Lavassar.

2. Approve agenda: Mary Ann Mansfield made the motion, Ann Johnson seconded, with unanimous approval of the agenda. LAC Chair Diane Divelbess recommended that everyone read Guiding Principles for Commissions and Boards.

3. Approve minutes: Mary Ann Mansfield moved, Ann Johnson seconded, and the meeting minutes for the March 14, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Certified Creative District Update – Mary Ann Mansfield, Brigid Reynolds

Mary Ann Mansfield reported that the Certified Creative District (CCD) work group is going through and filling in the workbook provided by the state. An important question where guidance from the state is needed is what makes sense for the physical boundaries of the creative district. Initial indications are that the state would prefer the creative district include the corridor stretching from the Fairgrounds to WICA, as well as the Langley downtown.

The “arts overlay” in the City’s comp plan was discussed briefly. It was pointed out that the creative district process will help with figuring out future uses because of the thinking and planning that are involved in the CCD process the state has set up. The city planning process may complement the creative district, and vice versa, but they are two completely separate processes and actions.

The discussion also concerned the upcoming visit by Annette Roth, director of the state's CCD program, and questions we need answers to during her visit.

Peter Morton pointed out that he has been keeping the City Council apprised of the CCD activities. He recommends that we wait until after Annette Roth's visit before seeking a motion from the council. He pointed out that some people believe a creative district is just about art, but the creative economy includes much more. Diane Divelbess cautioned against downplaying the artistic aspects of a creative district. Art and artistic endeavors are certainly included, but the creative economy includes so much more beyond art.

B. Whidbey Arts Forum, April 20, 2019 – Mary Ann Mansfield, Verna Erveritt

Preparations for the Whidbey Arts Forum were discussed, including food and publicity. The guest speaker is Annette Roth, director of the state's Certified Creative District program. Joann Quintana will introduce Annette at the forum.

5. REPORTS

A. Art Wraparound Update – Ann Johnson

No one responded to the RFP for the art wraparound project. The project will be tabled. One future possibility would be to commission a particular artist to create the first wraparound.

B. Clyde Alley Sculpture RFP – Don Wodjenski

Don reported that the RFP has been issued and is being widely broadcast in the sculpture community, and that the stipend will help. He reported that Lynn McJunkin is moving her piece to another city, on loan. Don reported that we have two open pedestals in Clyde Alley.

Don also reported that the garden area has been planted surrounding the new Hank Nelson sculpture in front of the Langley Chamber. The plants were contributed by the Chamber and planted by Janet Wodjenski.

C. Langley Arts Fund – Frank Rose

Frank was unable to attend. The most recent LAF meeting took place at Georgia Gerber's studio and concerned the pursuit of a Wishing Whale bronze sculpture at Whale Bell Park. LAF is raising funds for the whale sculpture, to be gifted to the city.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sundays/Fundays – Keegan Harshman

Keegan Harshman reported that he will be sponsoring and pulling together the music on the green next to city hall again this summer. Called Sundays/Fundays,

it is scheduled for June 16 to September 1, every Sunday 1 to 3 PM. He is seeking funding, with his music store footing part of the cost already. Peter Morton pointed out that he is donating his city council salary to the Langley Arts Fund, and perhaps that could help fund this program? Costs include paying 12 bands \$200 each, and \$1,000 for the stage. Also the cost of a canopy. Diane Divelbess suggested that Keegan reach out to Useless Bay Coffee and perhaps the Commons too – try to get other businesses to participate and help with the costs.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cloudstone will be participating in the National Sculpture Day at the end of April. \$10 admission. Sculpture Northwest will be recognizing local sculptors.

8. ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 AM. The next scheduled LAC meeting is **Thursday, May 9, 2019**, at City Hall, 9:30 AM.