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City of Langley
LANGLEY ARTS COMMISSION (LAC)
MINUTES
MAY 9, 2019
LANGLEY CITY HALL
112 2nd Street, Langley WA

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:33 AM. LAC members who were absent: Don Wodjenski and Ann Johnson. All others present. Also attending: Peter Morton, City Council liaison; Tim Callison, Langley Mayor; Frank Rose, Langley Arts Fund; Verna Everitt, Whidbey Island Center for the Arts.
- 2. Approve agenda:** Keegan Harshman made the motion, Mary Ann Mansfield 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, Keegan Harshman seconded, and the meeting minutes for the April 11, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.
- 4. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Certified Creative District (CCD) Update and Whidbey Arts Forum – Mary Ann Mansfield**

The CCD working group continues to meet and make progress on applying to the state for a Langley CCD. The group has prepared a sample resolution of support for the CCD that it hopes the Langley Arts Commission will recommend to the City Council. Mary Ann reported that Annette Roth, director of the state's CCD program, was the featured speaker at the April 20 Langley Arts Forum. Roth provided information about the CCD program and led the group in exercises to help fashion a creative district that is unique to Langley. Roth visited Langley for three days, toured the city and the Fairgrounds and attended an event at WICA. Mary Ann reported that the working group is obtaining letters of support and Memoranda of Understanding indicating local support for the Langley CCD.

B. LAC Resolution to the Langley City Council regarding CCD – Joann Quintana

A draft resolution was presented and discussed. Mayor Callison suggested revisions. Joann Quintana made a motion to approve the resolution to the City Council, with the Mayor's suggested revisions reflected. Keegan Harshman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

C. Rotating Sculpture Program, Clyde Alley – Don Wodjenski

Because Don Wodjenski was unable to attend the meeting, an update on the sculpture program was not provided.

D. Langley Arts Fund (LAF) – Frank Rose

Frank Rose reported that the LAF is focused on the quiet fundraising period for the Wishing Whale sculpture by Georgia Gerber. To be gifted to the City of Langley and installed at the Anthes entrance to Seawall Park, all funds raised will go first to the whale sculpture, and funds left over will go to Seawall Park improvements. Enough funds have been raised to begin the production/manufacturing process with Georgia Gerber. The sculpture will be a 12-foot bronze, gray whale.

Mayor Callison strongly recommended that LAF discuss the sculpture with planning director Brigid Reynolds to ensure the proper permits are being sought to install the whale sculpture. Mayor Callison pointed out that improvements within 200 feet of the shoreline can involve the need for a shoreline permit. LAF hopes to have the Wishing Whale completed and installed in time for Welcome the Whales day in April 2020. Mayor Callison also advised coordinating with the Langley Whale Center regarding the Center's desire to display a whale jaw bone at Whale Bell Park.

E. "SundayFunday" update – Keegan Harshman

Keegan reported that all 12 Sundays during the summer have been booked with bands/musicians, with the first one being June 16. The music will be family-friendly. For the future, Keegan and Don Wodjenski will be discussing how a more permanent stage could be created, perhaps like a porch on the back of the music store building with a retractable/removable awning. This summer, a canopy will be put up and taken down the same day for each Sunday concert, and Keegan has obtained a more attractive canopy. Keegan is looking for vendors to also participate. He was advised of the need for temporary vendor permits.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Art Wraparounds: Diane Divelbess discussed the fact that no artists responded to the RFP for the utility box wraparounds. The need for better publicity for RFPs was discussed. Diane suggested that LAC needs to establish a better connection and dialogue with local artists so that their input is obtained when LAC is creating programs and opportunities, such as the art wraparounds. Artists need to be integrated more into LAC and its decision-making.

LAC Board Vacancy: It was mentioned that there will be a vacancy on the LAC Board due to retirements/expired service term. This will be discussed at the August LAC meeting.

Marching Band: Mayor Callison said that he believes the City of Langley needs a marching band. There were favorable comments concerning the marching band that Keegan Harshman put together for the Welcome the Whales parade. The Mayor would like to have a marching band for the Soup Box Derby event in August and also the Fair Parade in July. Keegan Harshman said that he will take on the creation of a marching band as his assignment.

6. Announcements

Diane Divelbess will be absent for the June LAC meeting. Secretary Joann Quintana will act as chair and LAC Board Member Mary Ann Mansfield will act as Secretary for the June meeting.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53. The next Langley Arts Commission meeting will be held Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 9:30 AM at Langley City Hall.