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# City of Langley

## Arts Commission

### MINUTES

**November 14, 2019**

**LANGLEY CITY HALL**

112 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Langley WA

#### ATTENDANCE

Board: Joann Quintana, Olena Hodges, Don Wodjenski, Keegan Harshman, Ann Johnson, Mary Ann Mansfield

Staff: Debbie Mahler; Peter Morton Council Liaison

Guests: Clyde Monma (ISF--Island Shakespeare Festival), Diane Divelbess, Frank Rose

Regrets: Mayor Tim Callison (staff), Verna Everitt

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:36, Joann noted "Conflict of Interest" policy.

#### 2. Approve agenda

The agenda was approved. Ann moved, seconded by Keegan, unanimous approval with addition of ISF Presentation

#### 3. Approve minutes

The minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved: Don moved, seconded by Mary Ann.

#### 4. Discussion Items:

a. **Island Shakespeare Festival:** Olena Hodges and Clyde Monma

b. **Langley Arts Fund update** concerning the Wishing Whale from Frank Rose and Don Wodjenski: Good turnout for public funding kickoff, approaching \$90k. Permitting is complex and expensive. Permitting package to be

delivered to planning dept this coming Monday or Tuesday, approval should take 2-3 months. Don and Joann made presentation to Chamber and are putting public donation cans at local businesses, cans are in process of being distributed. Sculpture unveiling target is April 18 2020 for Welcome the Whales Day.

- c. **Debbie Mahler budget report:** Council decided not to fund grants researcher, Arts commission fund for the year is \$2500. No \$ in budget for replacing sculptures. Budget final approval not happened yet.

**d. Maintenance schedule for City art:** Don Wodjenski's best guess is 28 pieces on city property (at least twice that on private property).

Mary Ann Mansfield suggests an initial evaluation of the condition of pieces now.

Maryann Mansfield, Don Wodjenski, and Keegan Harshman will do initial check of everything and come up with a proposed maintenance info/schedule. (Note: Totems have all been recently refurbished thanks to volunteer work and contribution of Pat McVay and Moe Jerome. Joann Quintana says it would be nice for the Mayor to recognize their contribution. Debbie Mahler says she will pass it along to the Mayor.)

The Langley Chamber is producing a publication "Winter by the Sea" (rather than "Christmas by the Sea") featuring Don's photo essay work of local artists at work.

Langley art trail map to be created by the Chamber; 11x17 sheet folded with map of Langley with merchants AND Art pieces, color coded so you can find them! Inge will need the inventory of art in Langley from Don Wodjenski. Peter Morton would like copies of the inventory to distribute at next council meeting

**d. Utility box wraparounds:** Whidbey Tel says yes to paint instead of vinyl; they want to be part of choosing the art; they do need to be able to access inside the boxes. Ann Johnson asked St. Hubert's about their wrapped utility box, but no one could say who did it.

Mary Ann Mansfield made a motion, seconded by Keegan Harshman and unanimously approved: Funding by private sponsors (Diane Divelbess, Peter Morton, Whidbey Tel) will be confirmed and the process will be managed by the Langley Arts Fund. Call for artists will be issued. All parties will be consulted before finalization of plans. Artist stipend will be \$500.

## REPORTS

Langley Creates Certified Creative District: Mary Ann (has been meeting once a week since March)

- Annette Roth from the State of Washington came last week and did a walking tour of the city, she requested amended map, which has been done
- Annette is officially accepting letter of intent, so we have 60 days to submit application
- Once certified, we will proceed with short term goals: branding, logo, marketing
- Received grant from Goosefoot (thanks to Tristan!) to match \$5000 from state upon certification, for startup costs

### **Facebook**

Debbie Mahler questioned whether Facebook posts must be backed up for public records.

### **New Business**

#### **Announcements**

Tomorrow is climate change conversation at WICA (Peter Morton)

The Hobbit opens tomorrow at WCT (Ann Johnson)

Diane Divelbess' show continues through the end of the month at Frontroom Gallery at Bayview; Joann Quintana played music for the opening and it was fabulous and packed (Diane Divelbess)

Tickets for the Nutracker just went on sale, reserved seating, Dec 13-22 (Clyde Monma)

### **Adjourn**

Don Wodjenski moved, Keegan Harshman seconded, unanimous approval. The meeting was adjourned at **11: 17 AM**

### **Next Regular Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for **December, 12, 2019**