



**Langley Arts Commission
December 8, 2016 Minutes
Langley City Hall
9:15 AM**

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 AM by Frank Rose, Chair.

Attendance: Stacie Burgua, Diane Divelbess, Michele LaRue, Callahan McVay, Jeannie Miller, Hank Nelson, Frank Rose; Brigid Reynolds City Planner and Rene Neff, City Council representative.

Minutes of the November 10, 2016 Meeting were read.

Frank Rose brought everyone up to date regarding the results of the Second Street Sculpture selection at which Dan Freeman's piece was chosen for the Post Office site and Scot Alexander's piece for one of the Plaza pedestals. Scot Alexander was too busy finishing a commission to construct his proposed sculpture by the December due date, and Ivan Neaigus, whose sculpture had received the next most votes, was unable to construct the necessary steel base to affix to the pedestal by December. Therefore, Jan Hoy's Steel sculpture will be on one of the Plaza pedestals. Dexter Lewis' wood and steel obelisk had previously been selected for the other pedestal.

Jeannie Miller moved and Stacie Burgua seconded that the Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

1. Discussion:

Whidbey Arts Forum, Wednesday January 18, 2017 at WICA, 5:30 PM.

Stacie Burgua distributed an information sheet on the Arts Forum (attached) which covered Goals, Invitees, Marketing, Agenda and Staffing. Langley Mayor Tim Callison will be the featured speaker with Q &A and discussion to follow. There will be a brief overview of the purpose/accomplishments of the LAC. Primarily we want to hear from the community what it is that they would like to see in an annual Arts Forum. Stacie is hoping for good attendance.

WICA will provide a no-host wine bar and coffee, etc. She would like LAC members to help with venue set-up and break-down and to provide hors d' oeuvres. It was suggested that the list of goals which were a result of last year's first Arts Forum be made available as well as the LAC Master Plan and our By-Laws.

Brigid said she would make copies of both these documents available. Jeannie Miller wondered if our Artists in Action Day might be included in the discussion. She also wondered if the Arts Consortium should be addressed? Frank Rose said that the original intent for the Arts Consortium was to raise funds for Seawall Park, but since other groups

were now active with Seawall Park the Arts Consortium is likely to focus on park furniture. He mentioned that the next meeting of the Seawall Park Committee will be Monday December 12, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

2. Information:

a. Review of the term expiration dates of LAC members.

Diane Divelbess distributed copies of page 2 of the By-Laws, "Article III: Organization . . . Term Limits." Discussion followed concerning the length of terms of those who were appointed to fill the terms of members who resigned before their terms had expired. Although the By-Laws were very clear that the appointee would serve a full 3-year term beginning with the annual meeting following his/her appointment, the consensus of the members was that the By-Laws should be changed so that the appointee simply fulfills the term of the original appointment.

Stacie Burgua volunteered to rewrite the wording in that paragraph and bring it to the next LAC meeting.

Brigid Reynolds will provide the list of LAC members current term expiration dates.

b. 2017 City Budget as it relates to LAC.

Brigid Reynolds reported as follows: for 2016, the balance in the LAC budget is \$3,200. With the Dexter Lewis stipend of \$1,500 and the Dan Freeman and Jan Hoy stipends of \$600 each, the remaining balance is \$500 which is to be used for installation costs such as crane, plaques, etc. She noted that the Freeman and Hoy stipends were anticipated to be paid in 2017 and had not been budgeted in 2016. For 2017, the Langley Street Dance is budgeted to receive \$3,200 from the Tourism Fund. There was still a public art stipend of \$1,200 from 2016, and she noted that no official request had been made to fund the Public Art Brochure.

Stacie Burgua moved and Jeannie Miller seconded that this \$1,200 fund the brochure. Motion carried.

Frank Rose reported that Pam Schell will consider funding benches and sculpture pedestals on her property, adjacent to Clyde Alley, in 2017.

Brigid Reynolds told of grant monies received from the Island County Committee for Economic Development which are to be used for "Way Finding," in other words, signage.

3. Reports:

a. Unveiling ceremony for Second Street Sculpture - Frank Rose said the ceremony will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday January 7, 2017.

b. Proposal for Sponsorship of Artists in Action Day in collaboration with Main Street Association - Jeannie Miller requested a delay in her report until next meeting. She did suggest that Artists in Action Day be combined with the date of the Langley Street Dance, July 8, 2017. Michele LaRue wondered if special city permits might be needed for artists selecting sites to work.

- c. Langley Street Dance entertainment - Callahan McVay said he had received five applications from bands and he would like to suggest these two bands: Krash Zen and Western Heroes. Jeannie Miller moved and Michele LaRue seconded that we accept Callahan's suggestion. Motion carried.
The recommendation will be forwarded to City Council for its endorsement.

4. For the Good of the Order:

- a. Diane Divelbess reported that the dates for the 2017 Whidbey Island Area Fair have been changed from August 3-6 to July 20-23. This is to make it possible for the Fair to have a good carnival. It is extremely difficult to find a good carnival company willing to service a small 4-day fair and the Fair has signed a five year agreement with Davis Amusements.
- b. Michele LaRue pointed out that most of the outdoor sculpture and the Clyde Alley mural in Langley is part of the LAC "Public Art Gallery." The art works are for sale and we should be promoting their sale since the City would be receiving a commission.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Divelbess, Secretary

Next meeting Thursday January 12, 2017 at 9:15 AM.