



**Langley Arts Commission  
April 13, 2017 Minutes  
Langley City Hall  
9:15 AM**

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

Absent: Jeannie Miller

Guests: Tom Hanify, The Whidbey Art Gallery; Michaleen McGarry, graphic designer; Roxanne Taylor, Fairgrounds Manager, Port of South Whidbey.

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

During the introduction of guests, Tom Hanify distributed the ferry card developed by The Whidbey Art Gallery and also a handsome printed invitation to the gallery's 25th Anniversary Celebration and Reception on Saturday May 27, 2017 from 5-8:00 PM. The gallery will be doing artist demonstrations over the entire Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28, and we were encouraged to "spread the word."

The Minutes of March 9, 2017 were read.

It was moved (Michele LaRue) and seconded (Callahan McVay) that the Minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

1. Discussion:
  - a. Process for designating a Performing Arts District - the suggestion was made that the name should be changed to "Langley Arts District" because of the likely availability of the Langley Middle School for rental to studio arts groups as well. A suggested Advisory Committee was named to include the following people: Jo Moccia, Superintendent of SWUSD, Roxanne Taylor, Fairgrounds Manager, Brigid Reynolds, City Planner, Rene Neff, City Council, and Stacie Burgua, LAC member.
  - b. Clyde Alley, four proposed projects - Brigid Reynolds said she had received four proposals. Frank Rose distributed the packets of the four proposals to everyone, and discussed

#1, the gift of a large mural to be installed on the outside wall of the Fire House. It would be a temporary installation since that wall space is designated for use on a rotating basis. The current mural by Emily Moore will be moved farther down the wall to accommodate this new one. Because this "new" mural (a very handsome painting of orcas) had been kept in storage and had just recently come to light, there was concern on the part of some members of LAC that not all procedures were being followed. But with the understanding that the mural would be in place for one year while we look for a more permanent location, it was moved (Diane Divelbess) and seconded (Callahan McVay) that the mural be accepted. Motion carried.

#2, to have the City Public Works Dept build a sculpture pedestal of approximately the same design and size of the one they built for the Post Office site using \$600 in funding already in the City budget. The site for the pedestal would be in a flower area (planted and maintained by Callahan McVay) near the Clyde Alley Archway. The pedestal is to be used for LAC's rotating sculpture program. It was moved (Callahan McVay) and seconded (Diane Divelbess) that this proposal be approved. Motion carried.

#3, to replace the existing old wooden bench along Clyde Alley with one designed for this location. Upon acceptance of the proposal, an anonymous donor will provide a design for the bench to LAC for approval. Estimated cost for the bench is \$2,000. It was moved (Michele LaRue) and seconded (Callahan McVay) that this proposal be accepted. Motion carried.

#4, to accept a bequest of \$2,000 from Langley resident Pam Schell for the building of a sculpture pedestal, similar in design and size to that on the Post Office site, on property she owns adjacent to Clyde Alley. The pedestal will be used for a sculpture piece following a sculpture Call to Artists. Any residual funds remaining after construction of the pedestal by the City Public Works Department will go toward artist stipend, plaque and crane services. It was moved (Callahan McVay) and seconded (Hank Nelson) that this proposal be approved. Motion carried. It was further moved (Stacie Burgua) and seconded (Michele LaRue) that in the future a minimum of two weeks before a LAC meeting be allowed for the distribution of all new proposals. Motion carried.

- c. LAC Annual Report to the City, due July 3, 2017: Frank Rose said we would talk about this at a later meeting.
- d. Selection of art work for the 45th Langley Street Dance: Brigid Reynolds said she had received two responses from the Call to Artists; she held up the art works for us to see. Roxanne Taylor also held up for viewing the art work done by her 10 year old daughter. None of the works were deemed perfect, but after some discussion a consensus was reached that the paintings of Moe Jerome would be the most suitable for a graphic artist to use for posters. We realized after the fact that there were no requirements stated in our prospectus.

Tracking visitor information to the 45th Langley Street Dance: Brigid Reynolds said that the City is interested to know how many outside visitors are drawn to Langley events. The usual means is through collecting zip codes from people. Callahan McVay suggested The Commons as a place for collecting them. It became clear that a system needed to be devised, so Callahan McVay will arrange to meet with both Main Street and the Chamber of Commerce to solve this problem.

2. Reports:

- a. Artists Alive Day, July 8, 2017: Rene Neff said that a meeting for all participating artists has been called for May 13, 2017. She is asking Main Street to help with insurance.
- b. Status report on Langley International Sculpture Day events: Frank Rose said that they are hoping for 50 people on the bus tour leaving from Bellingham. After visiting the Freeland Sculpture Studios and Outside Sculpture Garden, the bus will drop people off in Langley near the Boy and Dog Park. Frank Rose will work with Officer Dave Marks of the Langley Police about where the bus will park, etc. At 12:30 PM Pam Schell will introduce sculptor Georgia Gerber, and Mayor Tim Callison will award her Langley's Award of Excellence. A walking tour of public art in Langley, guided by Michele LaRue, will follow. After lunch, the bus will go to Hank Nelson's vast outdoor sculpture park and gallery, "Cloudstone," before returning to Bellingham.
- c. Status of Langley Public Arts Walking Tour Brochure: Michele LaRue distributed the newly printed brochures and received many congratulations for a job well done! The brochures will be given out to folks on the tour bus, and many copies will be available at the Chamber of Commerce. Brigid Reynolds said she had already embedded the earlier completed Langley Public Arts Video in the City of Langley website. Michele LaRue wants to set up a Maintenance Plan for Langley's public arts and recommends that we create one similar to that of LaConner.
- d. Whidbey Arts Forum summertime date/location selection: Diane Divelbess withdrew the offer of her home as the site for the summer Whidbey Arts Forum, suggesting that a public facility might be more appropriate, but reserving the offer of her home for a fund raiser. Roxanne Taylor immediately offered the use of the Pole Building at the Fairgrounds - it is cool, large and has a kitchen. A date sometime in August was also suggested as the Fair dates this year are July 20-23. Many organizational details have to be worked out - for example, who will be in charge?

3. New Business:

- a. Michele LaRue requested that Diane Divelbess work with her to prepare "packages/folders" for new LAC members. The terms for all LAC members expire in August, and not all current members are planning on returning. Diane Divelbess agreed to help.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Divelbess, Secretary

The next regular LAC meeting will be Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 9:15 AM.