



Langley Arts Commission Minutes  
Thursday August 10, 2017 - 9:30 AM  
Langley City Hall

Attendance: Chairperson Frank Rose, Stacie Burgua, Diane Divelbess, Michele LaRue, Callahan McVay, Joann Quintana; Burt Beusch, City Council Liaison; Kelsey Koch, Assistant to the City Planner.

Absent: Hank Nelson; Brigid Reynolds, City Planner.

Guests: Kit Christopherson and Therese Kingsbury, Oak Harbor Arts Commission members.

Meeting Called to Order at 9:30.

Minutes of July 13, 2017 were read. Callahan McVay moved and Michele LaRue seconded that the Minutes be approved as written. Motion approved.

1. DISCUSSION:

a. 2018 Langley Street Dance Call to Artists - Callahan McVay plans to do an early Call to Artists for the performing bands because bands' schedules fill up, especially during the summer months. Callahan would also like to request an increase in funding for 2018 from the City Budget; this increase would allow for the printing of T-shirts, etc. Michele LaRue said that local bands should be selected.

b. Langley Marina Archway - Frank Rose said that the Port of South Whidbey became interested in a Marina Archway after seeing the Clyde Alley Archway in Langley. The Port may have budgeted \$7,000-\$17,000 for a Marina Archway. Frank believes that LAC can be of help to the Port in this endeavor.

c. Hladky Park Handrail Call to Artists - Callahan McVay said he had previously wanted to wait on this project until the complete First Street redesign was finished, but now, since it is clear that there is only money enough for resurfacing the First Street pavement, he feels that LAC should use the \$7,000 still in the Island County Budget for

the Hladky Park handrail. Joann Quintana questioned the location of the handrail, since Hladky Park is a gateway to Seawall Park and Joann is a member of the Seawall Park Planning Committee. Callahan said, however, that Hladky Park was not IN Seawall Park but was ADJACENT to it, and that it was important to proceed with the handrail while the money was still available. Callahan McVay moved and Michele LaRue seconded that a Call to Artists for the Design/Production of the Hladky Park Handrail be issued promptly. Motion approved.

d. City Insurance Coverage for Temporary Public Art - Frank Rose told those present that Dale Reiger had decided against installing his selected sculpture in Clyde Alley on August 18, 2017 because Langley does not carry insurance to protect its temporary public art. At the City Council Meeting August 7, 2017 Frank Rose displayed photos of the Clyde Alley sculptures and introduced artists Pat McVay, Diane Divelbess and Moe Jerome who spoke about the expectations of artists that their works be insured while on display, and that if works are not insured the City's public arts program would likely fail. Frank Rose said that a special City Council meeting has been called for Tuesday August 15, 2017 at 1:00 PM to discuss this further. Burt Beusch said that one point of discussion is what percentage of the dollar value should be covered.

e. Clyde Alley/Third Street Signage - Callahan McVay said he has been trying for several years to get signage for Third Street, including addresses added and/or improved. For example, there is only a "Dead End" sign at Third Street and Anthes, and nothing to indicate ample available parking. However, Callahan said he has found out that much of the responsibility for signage rests with the Island County Planning Department and not the City of Langley. Kelsey Koch, Assistant to City Planner Brigid Reynolds, said that she is looking for members to join a new Planning Committee for City Signage; she is especially looking for members from the First Street Planning Committee, Langley Main Street, and LAC. Frank Rose appointed Callahan McVay to be LAC's representative on this City Signage Committee.

f. Process for Replacement of Retiring LAC Commissioner(s) - Frank Rose again asked Michele LaRue if she were really planning on retiring from LAC this month, and Michele said a definite "yes." We were all sorry to hear her answer but understood she has many other plans. Frank said the City would issue a request for applicants to fill this vacancy. We have not yet determined the assignment of duration of terms for those remaining on LAC. There will be staggered terms of one, two or three years beginning in September.

## 2. REPORTS:

a. Biannual Whidbey Arts Forum Review - (Diane Divelbess distributed a rough form of the Whidbey Arts Forum Minutes.) Stacie Burgua said that the Whidbey Arts Forum which was held at Zech Hall at WICA on Wednesday August 2, 2017 was highly successful. Attendance was good (59) and she was able to collect their ZIP

codes: Langley (33), Freeland (11), Clinton (8), Oak Harbor (3), Seattle 2 different ones), Coupeville (1), Scottsdale AZ (1). The topic for this Whidbey Arts Forum was "Artist Spaces" and Stacie said the three speakers were excellent. The speakers were Karin Bolstad, Owner/Director of The Blue School in Clinton; Sue Taves, sculptor and member of the Freeland Art Studio; and Kristin Macarro, Executive Assistant to Dr. Jo Moccia, Superintendent of the South Whidbey School District who spoke about plans for the newly vacant Langley Middle School. Stacie reported that at the end of the evening Kelly West from the Whidbey Children's Theater volunteered to do a blog for the Whidbey Arts Forum as a means of increasing communication among the arts. The topic for the January 2018 Whidbey Arts Forum might be the literary arts or the performing arts.

Since our two Guests, Therese Kingsbury and Kit Christopherson, attended the Whidbey Arts Forum and Therese had spoken extensively about her arts endeavors in Oak Harbor during the Comments Period, Frank Rose asked them if they would tell us more about the activities of the Oak Harbor Arts Commission. Kit Christopherson said that Oak Harbor has purchased some pieces of public art and the OH Arts Commission is working on improving the area around the Clean-Water Facility at the Oak Harbor Marina. Kit said that he was interested in our Call to Artists process and also in our procedures for acquiring pedestals, artists stipends and marketing. Joann Quintana volunteered her services for marketing public art. Diane Divelbess remarked upon her interest at the Whidbey Arts Forum of Therese Kingsbury's use of temporary space for an art gallery. Therese said that marketing is sometimes much easier when there is a time limit for sales at a gallery. Frank Rose said he would like to establish a central email list of artists and arts organizations, and that he hoped that LAC and the Oak Harbor Arts Commissions could work together. A suggestion was made that there be bus service available to arts events.

b. Clyde Alley Sculpture Installations - Frank Rose said the installation date is August 18, and the unveiling ceremony will be on August 19, 2017. He told us that he has been assured that Dale Reiger's sculpture will be installed.

c. New Insert, Langley Public Arts Walking Tour Brochure - Michele LaRue said that rather than producing an insert for the current brochure, she prefers printing a new up-to-to-date version which could be ready for the next Sculpture Tour in April 2018. She said that LAC should request \$1,200 for the printing costs. She will bring all her brochure and public arts materials to the September LAC meeting.

d. Seawall Park Ad Hoc Committee - Joann Quintana distributed a concise single page report which summarized the recommendations for improvements to Seawall Park, mentioned coordination efforts among many existing groups, and raised questions regarding the development of the park improvement plan. Joann pointed out that the Seawall Park Ad Hoc Committee has now become a subcommittee of Parks and Open Space (POS). The next meeting of POS is Monday August 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM at City Hall. Joann recommended going to their Flickr Site to see the albums for Seawall Park

and to share ideas. She wondered what is the best way to bring in ideas - through competition or by invitation?

### 3. NEW BUSINESS:

City of Langley Public Arts Master Plan - Frank Rose announced that it is now time to revise this document since it was last revised in May 2016. Frank emphasized that it is very important for LAC to include everything of importance and to do it timely if we want a revised version included in the City of Langley Comprehensive Plan which will be approved this Fall. Frank said he will prepare a draft index and will ask for comments from each member of LAC.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Divelbess, Secretary

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday September 14, 2017 at 9:30 AM.