



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

Attendance: Stacie Burgua, Diane Divelbess, Michele LaRue, Frank Rose; Brigid Reynolds, City Planner.

Absent: Callahan McVay (out of state), Jeannie Miller (family), Hank Nelson (business).

Guests: Ann Johnson, Managing Director Whidbey Children's Theatre; Michaleen McGarry, Director Langley Chamber of Commerce; Pam Schell, Langley property owner; Roxanne Taylor, Port of South Whidbey Manager of the Island County Fairgrounds.

The guests were introduced, and it was noted that they were in attendance because of the encouragement of a LAC member or by virtue of having attended the Whidbey Arts Forum on January 18, 2017.

The minutes were read and under Item 3. Reports, a. Term expiration dates: in the paragraph following the approval of the motion stating that LAC members appointed mid-term simply fill out the term limits of the vacated position, it had been noted that a discrepancy existed between the dates of the LAC annual meeting as given in some draft copies of the LAC By-Laws and the two copies held by Brigid Reynolds and Diane Divelbess. Specifically, the latter copies stated the annual meeting of LAC is in August, and the draft versions stated the date is October of each year. Stacie Burgua said that in the interest of simplifying this, she saw no reason to change the date to October, but to allow the August date for the LAC annual meeting to remain.

It was moved (Stacie Burgua) and seconded (Michele LaRue) that the Minutes be approved as read.

**1. Discussion:**

- a. Timeline for approval of Langley Comprehensive Plan: Brigid Reynolds indicated that too many factors remained undecided for a timeline to be announced.
- b. Celebration of International Sculpture Day in April: Frank Rose distributed the flyer for an April 22, 2017 round trip bus tour from Bellingham to Langley. The tour will include a

morning stop at the Freeland Sculpture Studios and Sculpture Garden; the awarding of the Distinguished Sculptor Award to Georgia Gerber by Langley Mayor Tim Callison in front of the Boy and Dog park; a walking tour of Langley public sculpture lead by Michelle LaRue and lunch. After lunch the bus will go to Cloudstone, Hank Nelson's large sculpture park and gallery before returning to Bellingham. There was some concern about crowded restaurants, especially since a Clipper tour will visit Langley the same day, but the feeling was that the timing of the two tours will be slightly staggered.

- c. Installation of sculpture pedestals and benches in Clyde Alley: Frank Rose commented that the success of the smaller concrete pedestal in front of the Post Office, which was built by the City of Langley, would make it more likely that additional such pedestals could be made for Clyde Alley. Brigid Reynolds said the cost per pedestal is approximately \$500, but additional monies should be provided for any crane work, etc. Pam Schell said she would donate \$2000 for the design and construction of a bench which could be installed on her property on Clyde Alley. It was suggested that a property owner with land behind the Gary Piper building be contacted regarding a possible sculpture pedestal there.

## **2. Reports:**

- a. Results from the 1st Annual Whidbey Arts Forum at WICA, January 18, 2017: Stacie Burgua reported that she was very pleased with the turnout and program for this evening event. Four documents were prepared and sent out to participants: Attendee's List, Minutes of the Forum, Notes of the Forum and Resources for Arts Events. Stacie Burgua said the effort is to "reach out" to all artists and arts groups, and this means an improvement to the email list - a project currently underway, with attention given to matters of privacy. After some discussion regarding the advantages of a summertime arts gathering in addition to the one in January, it was moved (Stacie Burgua) and seconded (Michele LaRue) that the name of the Arts Forum be changed from Annual to Biannual.
- b. Seawall Park planning: Brigid Reynolds said the community is still searching for a satisfactory theme - whether NW Indigenous or contemporary art styles, or all natural landscaping and no art. There is the ongoing process of checking with the adjacent property owners, and the questions regarding the extent of needed improvements. This is a long term project.
- c. Requirements for proposed street buskers in Langley: Hank Nelson was not present to make this report. Michaleen McGarry said the wishes of Langley vendors/business owners must be considered. It was also pointed out that even if buskers performed only in the parks, not everyone wants the parks "taken over." Nevertheless, all issues will be discussed and looked at fairly - LAC does not want to be the "arts Nazis."
- d. Status of the 45th Annual Street Dance and Call to Artists for Logo design: in the

absence of Callahan McVay, Frank Rose said that Callahan felt confident that everything was proceeding smoothly. Nevertheless, Frank Rose expressed some urgency for the Call to Artists for the Logo design to go out ASAP.

- e. Status of Artists in Action Day: in the absence of Jeannie Miller, this report was postponed.
- f. Status of Langley Public Arts Walking Tour brochure: Michelle LaRue reported that the printing costs estimated by Fine Balance are \$450 + tax for 2500 copies of a trifold color brochure, and \$300 + tax for 2500 copies of a rack card. Michaleen McGarry is the graphic designer. Michele La Rue emphasized that both these printed pieces are valuable for possible sales of those sculpture works in our downtown "revolving gallery," with a 20% commission to the Langley for any sale.

### **3. New Business:**

- a. Brigid Reynolds presented an excellent Power Point on the Draft Action Plan of Langley's Wayfinding (signage/traffic flow) development. Kelsey Loch, an intern in the Planning Department, is making an inventory of the kinds of signs. Public meetings will be called regarding traffic routes and flow. Brigid Reynolds said there is funding available for the inventory and planning from the Island County Economic Development Council, but there is no funding for the final design of the plan. The City of Langley Logo will be used throughout the plan to provide for consistency; it was noted that Michele LaRue helped with the design of the logo. Some hard copies of the draft Wayfinding Planning document were distributed by Brigid Reynolds who said it was also online.
- b. Diane Divelbess pointed out that LAC's earlier interest in providing a downtown kiosk for the announcements of Arts Performance events seems to have been lost in the press of other matters. It was pointed out that the kiosk needs to fit the Langley "look."
- c. Frank Rose suggested strongly that since the LAC members' first three-year terms will expire in August, and since not all members will seek additional terms, it is very important that we encourage people we know who have an interest in the arts to attend our meetings. Our four guests at today's meeting provided lively engagement in the issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Divelbess, Secretary

The next LAC meeting will be Thursday March 9, 2017 at 9:15 AM.