



**Langley Arts Commission
January 12, 2017 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 December 8, 2016 Meeting were read. Michele LaRue moved and Stacie Burgua seconded that the Minutes be approved as read. Motion carried.

1. Information:

- a. Review of Second Street Sculpture "Unveiling," Saturday January 7, at 1:00 PM. Frank Rose reported that Mayor Tim Callison, in his white tuxedo, presented each sculpture to the crowd and asked each sculptor to say a few words. Dan Freeman's metal sculpture, "Opening Flower," is at the Post Office site, Jan Hoy's steel piece, "Twining," is on the south Plaza pedestal and Dexter Lewis' cedar and steel "Artobelisk" is on the north Plaza pedestal. It was a successful presentation on a cold January afternoon.
- b. Reminder of LAC's role at the Whidbey Arts Forum at WICA on Wednesday January 18, 2017 at 5:30 PM. Stacie Burgua suggested that LAC members arrive 40/45 minutes early to help set up Zech Hall and set out the finger foods and snacks we are to bring. WICA will provide coffee and a no-host bar. Burgua requested that LAC provide printed materials such as our Bylaws and information on our Public Arts Consortium. Brigid Reynolds said she will see to it that these materials will be made available. Jeannie Miller suggested that our upcoming events such as the Annual Street Dance and possibly an Artists in Action Day be announced at the Whidbey Arts Forum.

2. Discussion:

- a. Sculpture NW Bus Tour to Langley, Saturday April 22, 2017. Frank Rose said that this tour is in honor of National Sculpture Day on April 23, 2017. The tour bus will leave early from Bellingham and arrive mid-morning at the Freeland Sculpture Studios and Outdoor Gallery. After lunch there will be a Walking Tour of outdoor public art in Langley. Frank Rose asked that Michele LaRue lead that tour, especially in view of our hopes for both art exposure and sales. The Bus Tour will continue to Cloudstone, Hank Nelson's very large sculpture site in Freeland, before returning to Bellingham that evening.

- b. Artists in Action Day. Jeannie Miller suggested that the Langley Main Street Association be invited to collaborate with LAC with the planning, management and promotion of this event. To optimize attendance and participation she also recommended that Artists in Action Day be held on July 8 of this year to coincide with the Annual Street Dance. In addition to single artists demonstrating their skills, Rene Neff suggested the possibility of collaborative artists' "rounds" - a form of improvisational group creative performance - for example, Fritha Strand's "Whidbey Round" at WICA on January 13, 2017. Other issues to be resolved are space and utilities needs. Michele LaRue raised the question regarding City Business Licenses; it was suggested that LAC request a single business license for all.

Jeannie Miller moved that we request help from the Langley Main Street Association particularly in the areas of PR and insurance. Stacie Burgua seconded. Motion carried.

- c. Busking in Langley. Hank Nelson noted that public areas with live performers enhanced the feeling that a place "was alive." It was mentioned that Langley had at one time a ban on busking, but Callahan McVay said the city lifted the ban for the Friday Farmers' Market. Jeannie Miller wondered if the buskers should be scheduled. Brigid Reynolds said that some cities establish a limit on the number of performers. Both Callahan McVay and Michele LaRue were concerned that buskers' locations not interfere with business foot traffic, and that perhaps buskers should be assigned locations.

Frank Rose requested that Hank Nelson submit a report on busking at our next meeting.

3. Reports:

- a. LAC term expiration dates. Stacie Burgua distributed copies of the page in the LAC Bylaws dealing with Term Limits (from Article III: Organization). As requested, she had eliminated the original fourth sentence of the first paragraph and replaced it. The simplified paragraph now reads: "Members are appointed to a three-year term. No member may be appointed to more than two consecutive terms. A term shall commence at the date of the annual meeting. If a member is appointed mid-term, that member will fulfill the remaining term limits of the vacated position. After serving one term and leaving the Arts Commission, or upon completing two full terms, no member may be appointed again for two years after their last term."

Stacie Burgua moved and Callahan McVay seconded that this change in wording be approved. Motion carried.

In Stacie Burgua's distributed copy of the reworded Term Limits, Diane Divelbess noted that the date of LAC's annual meeting is listed as October, whereas in both Divelbess' and Brigid Reynolds' version of the LAC Bylaws (approved by the Langley City Council on 5 January 2015 and signed by Diane Divelbess on 12 March 2015) the annual meeting is stated as August. This issue can be easily resolved by a motion at our next meeting to change the date of the annual meeting from August to October in the LAC Bylaws. The new version of the LAC Bylaws would then be submitted to the Langley City Council for their approval.

- b. 43rd Annual Street Dance. Callahan McVay will issue a Call to Artists for art work suitable for both a poster and for T-shirts. McVay intends to have the T-shirts available for sale well before the July 8, 2017 event, in order to increase both sales and publicity.
- c. Langley Public Arts Brochure. Michele LaRue reported that the printing of the brochure is on hold until Joe Menth's relocation of his Fine Balance printing business to Langley is completed. But she assured Frank Rose that the brochure would be available for the April 22, 2017 Walking Tour.
- d. Seawall Park. Brigid Reynolds reported on First Street improvements of new sidewalks and parking, and perhaps improvement to Thomas Ladke Park ("Whale Bell Park"). There is possibly some County money for park benches. There will be a Seawall Park meeting at the end of the month, and also meetings with neighbors of the park. There is a need for an overarching theme, i.e., Pacific NW Native American. Regarding The Dog House, there is still no complete building application yet; there is increasing concern that the property is being allowed to rot away. Callahan McVay stressed that the biggest problem facing Seawall Park is accessibility.

For the Good of the Order:

1. Stacie Burgua announced a "Ghost Light" event at WICA on January 19, 2017 at 5:30 PM. WICA is participating in this national event of theaters and arts groups to renew their commitment to inclusivity by keeping the "ghost light" on. (The "ghost light" is the small stage light that is never turned off.) The public is encouraged to come early and bring flashlights.
2. Brigid Reynolds announced a Training meeting for planners and members of boards and commissions - an email has been sent out. Also, a meeting on Ethics is being planned with further information TBA.
3. Diane Divelbess announced an artists' reception for Marsha Morgan, photographer, and Sue Taves, sculptor, Saturday January 14, 2017 from 3:00-5:00 PM. at the UU Church on Hwy 525 north of Freeland. The exhibit is entitled "Light and Stone."

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Divelbess, Secretary

Next LAC meeting will be Thursday February 9, 2017 at 9:15 AM.