



Langley Arts Commission Minutes
Thursday June 8, 2017 - 9:30 AM
Langley City Hall

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

Absent: Jeannie Miller.

Guest: Roxanne Taylor, Fairgrounds Manager for Port of South Whidbey.

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Frank Rose at 9:35 AM.

Minutes of May 11, 2017 were read. Michele LaRue moved and Callahan McVay seconded that the Minutes be approved as written. Motion passed with one abstention.

1. Discussion:

a. RFP for Handrail/Benches at Hladky Park - Frank Rose presented the RFP for discussion. Diane Divelbess mentioned the handrail design for the outdoor steps at WICA. Callahan McVay said that planning for handrails had to be ADA compliant and he suggested that this RFP be delayed until Fall when Ross Chapin's overall design for Hladky Park is due. Ross Chapin is the architect working with Main Street. Frank Rose moved and Callahan McVay seconded that the RFP for Hladky Park improvements be tabled. Motion passed. Diane Divelbess asked for clarification on funding. Brigid Reynolds said there is a \$250,000 grant from Washington State and \$90,000 available from Island County for improvements to First Street in Langley. From the State grant there will be 1% available for public art. The next Seawall Park Planning Committee meeting is June 12 at 6:30 PM.

b. RFP for Generation Park improvements - Callahan McVay said that the Community Committee of Main Street is still working on plans; he requested that this be tabled until next meeting. Request granted.

c. Clyde Alley tank enclosure and interactive sculpture - Frank Rose showed a photograph of the wonderful metal rabbit sculpture created by Jerry Wennstrom for Pam Schell's property in Clyde Alley. The rabbit chases a carrot when someone turns the wheel.

d. LAC Annual Report to City Council due July 3, 2017. There was concern regarding this date since it is over the July 4th weekend. We intend to present the LAC accomplishments of our first three years in this report. Frank Rose also wants to update our Public Arts Master Plan.

e. Call to Artists for "Pizza Box" Trash Containers - Frank Rose said he saw square shaped trash containers at Costco. Callahan McVay said one such trash container was already placed in Seawall Park. Apparently, Mayor Tim Callison may want to pursue a more "artistic design," but for now the matter will be dropped.

2. Reports:

a. Biannual Whidbey Arts Forum - Stacie Burgua said that she and Diane Divelbess had consulted with Roxanne Taylor, Fairgrounds Manager, and had selected Wednesday August 2, 2017 as the date for this summer's event. It will be held in the Burrier Building on the fairgrounds, beginning at 5:30 PM. The main topic will be Artist Spaces, especially the potential availability of spaces in the Langley Middle School buildings. Jo Moccia, Superintendent of the SWUSD will be asked to speak. Other possible spaces to be discussed will be the Blue School in Clinton, the fairgrounds, and the newly reopened Front Room Gallery at Bayview Corner. Roxanne Taylor will inquire if the Fair Association will sell beer and wine. Frank Rose suggested that we contact the South Whidbey Record for a possible story. It was also suggested that everyone turn to social media for greater publicity. If it proves too difficult for the sale of beer and wine at the fairgrounds, we may change the venue to WICA's patio (since it's summer).

b. Collection of ZIP codes at the 45th Langley Street Dance - Michele LaRue showed us a diagram for a possible display panel which would encourage people to write down their ZIP codes and deposit them in a container. Callahan McVay pointed out that the likely ZIP code areas from which most people will come will be those in the very large mailing circulation area of the Market Place publication.

c. List of LAC accomplishments over the first three years - Frank Rose said that he and Diane Divelbess will make a draft of these accomplishments and send it around for any changes/additions before our Annual Report to the City Council is due. (See item d. under Discussion above.)

d. Langley Arts District update - Brigid Reynolds said that it is still premature to announce anything as there are many zoning issues and usage overlays to deal with plus signage and parking.

e. Clyde Alley Sculpture Entries update - Frank Rose distributed a time line for LAC activities in June/July/August. Callahan McVay commented that the time between the entry date for the Clyde Alley sculptures (June 23) and the judging date (July 13) was very short. Frank Rose said he was confident that LAC will be able to judge the entries on the 13th of July. We do not need to find outside judges since these sculptures are part of our "rotating gallery" and are not the permanent property of Langley. Hank Nelson was encouraged to enter one of his sculpture pieces for consideration but Hank Nelson said it would be unethical for him to do so. Frank Rose said that Hank Nelson would simply recuse himself from any judging process. The matter was undecided.

There was no New Business.

For the Good of the Order:

Frank Rose announced he would remain on LAC after our terms expire in August, and Stacie Burgua, Diane Divelbess and Hank Nelson said they would also. Michele LaRue said she would not return and it is doubtful if Jeannie Miller will return for family reasons. So at least two vacancies will exist.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Divelbess, Secretary

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday July 13, 2017 at 9:30 AM.