



**Langley Arts Commission  
May 11, 2017 Minutes  
Langley City Hall  
9:15 AM**

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

Absent: Jeannie Miller Stacie Burgua

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

Minutes of April 13, 2017 were read.

Under Reports, Section c., last sentence, Michele LaRue said the sentence should end following "public arts," and that the words "and recommended that we create one similar to that of LaConner" be eliminated as they are incorrect. Michele LaRue then moved that the Minutes be accepted as corrected; Hank Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

1. Discussion:
  - a. Seawall Park - Brigid Reynolds said that nothing definitive has yet been decided beyond "barebones" planning, although there may be some money beginning to be made available. The next meeting of the Seawall Park Committee is June 12, 2017 at 6:15 PM.
  - b. Seawall Park Handrail - Frank Rose reported that after speaking with Mayor Tim Callison, \$7,000 is available for a handrail and a bench for Seawall Park. The handrail will go down to Seawall Park at the entrance near the "Whale Bell." Brigid Reynolds reminded everyone that this planning must be done in coordination with the Seawall Park Committee. Callahan McVay moved and Michele LaRue seconded that an RFP be prepared for the design(s) of a handrail and bench for Seawall Park. Motion carried. Callahan McVay told of a plan by Langley Main Street to install possibly three public viewing telescopes, one of which would be at the Seawall Park pump station.
  - c. Clyde Alley Arts Improvement Plan - Frank Rose distributed an ambitious timeline for current upgrades to Clyde Alley, including two "rotating" sculptures and pedestals, a tank enclosure and a bench. Donated funds of \$2,600 will cover the cost of the sculptures and pedestals. Since the sculptures will be part of Langley's "rotating" sculpture gallery and one will be located on private property, an outside/ad hoc judging panel is not needed. Michele LaRue said we should be doing more to promote the sale of our public arts. Callahan McVay said we should take advantage of both the Main Street and the C of C websites. Callahan McVay also said that the owner of Useless Bay Coffee Company would like the Whale Mural moved to the east wall of the Fire

House after its allotted time on the west wall along Clyde Alley. In addition to this information, Callahan McVay said that Main Street has plans to improve Frick Alley by removing the large trees and replacing them with a smaller variety. Discussion regarding improvements to Clyde Alley resumed with the topic of designing and replacing the old bench near the Fire House. LAC would need to issue a Call to Artists for the bench, but with no available funding the topic was put on hold.

2. Reports:

- a. Review of Langley's participation in International Sculpture Day April 22, 2017 - Michele LaRue told of guiding the visitors from the NW Sculptors Bellingham Bus Tour around Langley on a very rainy day, beginning with the honoring of sculptor Georgia Gerber at the Boy and Dog Park, and including the newly installed Whale Mural, the Clyde Alley Archway, Second Street Plaza, Langley Park and Frick Alley. Copies of our new Langley Public Arts Walking Tour brochure had been given out earlier on the bus. With the \$94 left over from the printing of the brochure, coffee and cookies were provided to the guests, who left Langley for a tour of Hank Nelson's Cloudstone Sculpture Park drenched but happy. Michele LaRue was thanked for being a wonderful guide and host. Frank Rose said that the only complaint from the visitors was their difficulty finding seating at local restaurants.
- b. 45th Annual Langley Street Dance, July 8, 2017 - Callahan McVay said that everything is going smoothly. Since the bands will play only original songs, there will be no extra fees for playing "covers." The Market Place publication will run a big advertisement and will use Moe Jerome's art to create a poster. The Commons will remain open throughout the evening. The city permits are taken care of. The bands will submit their invoices to Main Street ASAP following their performances in order to receive payment.
- c. Artists Alive Day, July 8, 2017 - since neither Rene Neff (health) nor Jeannie Miller (family) are able to continue to chair this endeavor, it was decided to drop the planning of it for this year.
- d. Method for Tracking Outside Visitors to Langley - Brigid Reynolds said that any Langley public event that expects or hopes to receive any City "tourist dollars" must supply data showing approximately how many outside visitors were in attendance. Essentially this means collecting ZIP codes. Michele LaRue agreed to design a poster or system to encourage people to give us their ZIP codes. In addition, the bands will be asked to give a "shout out" for the collection of the code numbers.
- e. Biannual Whidbey Arts Forum - Diane Divelbess said that she and Stacie Burgua met Monday afternoon, May 8, 2017, to discuss possible plans/outcomes for an August gathering. A proposed agenda for the Forum was produced which was read aloud. Since the future of the Langley Middle School as part of the proposed Langley Arts District is of great interest, Jo Moccia, Superintendent of SWUSD, will be asked to be a featured speaker. Roxanne Taylor, Fairgrounds Manager for the Port of South Whidbey, has offered space at the fairgrounds for the event, but a firm date in August has not yet been set. Frank Rose said that the establishing of the date must now be our first priority.
- f. Formation of Langley Arts District - Brigid Reynolds said that there were several zoning overlays involved in establishing this district. She is currently working on the Langley

Comprehensive Plan which encompasses many facets. The Langley City Council will discuss the questions of zoning overlays when the Comprehensive Plan is presented for adoption.

- g. Accomplishments of the Langley Arts Commission during its first three years - Frank Rose read a list of the arts projects and events LAC has sponsored or co sponsored since its inception. The list was very impressive and also included the creation of the many organizational documents and forms required for functioning. The entire list of LAC accomplishments will be distributed at our next meeting in June.

3. New Business:

- a. The time that the LAC meetings begin - 9:15 AM - had been questioned by a few members since the original beginning time of 9:30 AM had been changed to accommodate the needs of primarily two members. Since their situations appear to have changed, Michele LaRue moved and Callahan McVay seconded that the LAC monthly meetings return to the original beginning time of 9:30 AM. Motion carried.
- b. Callahan McVay reported that the Community Club was providing \$1,000 for improvements to Generation Park (located at the corner of Saratoga Road and De Bryn, across from St. Hubert's Catholic Church). Callahan McVay will submit an RFP next month.

For the Good of the Order:

Diane Divelbess announced that today, May 11, is Frank Rose's 87th birthday. Many best wishes were offered!

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Divelbess, Secretary

The next regular meeting of the LAC will be Thursday June 8, 2017 at 9:30 AM.