



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

Attendance

Diane Divelbess (chaired the meeting due to Chairperson Frank Rose's absence), Joann Quintana, Don Wodjenski; Hank Nelson, Brigid Reynolds, City Planning Director.

Absent: Stacie Burgua (resigned from the committee), Callahan McVay, Frank Rose

Reading of Statement Regarding Potential Conflict of Interest

Diane Divelbess read from the City of Langley's "Guiding Principles for Committees and Boards" and copies of this one-page document were provided to all attendees.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Diane Divelbess at 9:34 AM.

Introduction of Guests

Three guests were present: Dominique Emerson, Langley City Council Member; Sharon Emerson, Chair Seawall Park Subcommittee; Siobhan Wright, local artist.

Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2017

Minutes approved as written.

1. DISCUSSION

a. Resignation of Stacie Burgua from LAC and announcement of LAC vacancy – Brigid Reynolds

LAC member Stacie Burgua has resigned from the LAC due to time constraints. It is Stacie Burgua's last year as Executive Director of the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts and preparations to turn over the reins to a new director are taking all her time. Diane Divelbess reported that three people have applied to be LAC members, and that these applicants will be interviewed, considered and voted on at the LAC's December

meeting. Guest Sharon Emerson, one of the applicants, said that she is unable to attend the LAC December meeting.

b. Revised Langley Public Arts Master Plan (LAMP)

The LAC and city staff are in the process of finalizing the LAMP document. Don Wodjenski and Hank Nelson will get together to produce some verbiage concerning education and bring this back to the LAC for review. Joann Quintana will do some grammar-related edits and submit to Langley Planning Assistant Kelsey Loch, who has the master document. A wording adjustment was suggested concerning making one of the goals to improve communications and internet presence. A video presentation that Robbie Cribbs was assisting with was in the works at one time. No one knows what happened to it. Joann Quintana was asked to talk to Michele LaRue about it. Don Wodjenski pointed out that we can state what our goals are without at this point spelling out in great detail how the goals will be reached. It was pointed out that we do not have budget numbers in the master plan. Don Wodjenski volunteered to pull out numbers and put them in chart form. The plan is to make final changes to the LAMP document so the LAC can vote on it at the December meeting. It then moves to the Langley City Council for review.

c. Standards/Procedures for receiving gifts of art – Diane Divelbess

An artist has offered a piece of art for donation to the City of Langley. It is not clear if the City has a process and standards for donated art. LAC needs to provide information to the City Council about the offer, and thank and notify the donor that it is under consideration. Diane Divelbess will discuss this with LAC Chairperson Frank Rose.

d. Project Proposal “Wings for Langley” – Siobhan Wright

This art proposal is for local artist Siobhan Wright to create painted wings on 4’ x 8’ panels, with the panels applied to the side wall of the building housing the Braeburn Restaurant. The wings would be interactive art, providing opportunities for tourists and others to take photographs of themselves against the wings.

The committee discussed the proposal and asked questions. Hank Nelson spoke in favor of Siobhan Wright trying to raise some of the funding herself, rather than the City of Langley bearing the full cost of \$850.00. Siobhan Wright already gifted a mural to the city and she spoke to the need for murals, color and interactive art, since most of the City’s art is sculpture. Director of City Planning Brigid Reynolds pointed out that there already is a budget request before the City Council for murals.

A motion was made by Don Wodjenski and seconded by Joann Quintana, and LAC members voted unanimously in favor of recommending to the Langley City Council that the “Wings for Langley” project be funded, with Hank Nelson lending his yes vote with the proviso that some additional funding sources be sought by Siobhan Wright to cover part of the cost of the project.

2. REPORTS

a. SWHS students and proposed mural for Langley -- Don Wodjenski

Don Wodjenski had a conversation with South Whidbey High School (SWHS) teacher Susie Richards regarding the school's potential involvement in a mural on the Firehouse building wall. The teacher believes it is a springtime activity. The students want to get involved in Langley arts activities. The teacher has been in touch with Janet Ploof of Langley Main Street Association about student involvement in merchant door decorating for the holidays. They are hoping that the South Whidbey Schools Foundation will donate money to cover costs for the mural.

b. Whidbey Arts Forum, January 2018 – Diane Divelbess

LAC Chairperson Frank Rose attended the first get-together of the new island artists group, Island Bohemians. There he was approached by Therese Kingsbury of Oak Harbor who has requested that the Whidbey Arts Forum be held in Oak Harbor sometimes, not always in Langley. Diane Divelbess spoke to Stacie Burgua, Executive Director of Whidbey Island Center for the Arts (WICA), about this, who said that it is up to LAC. Stacie Burgua has arranged for a prominent person in the performing art world to speak at the forum, and she would need to be notified of the change in location. The suggestion was to keep the forum at WICA for the winter and maybe do it in Oak Harbor in the summer. Hank Nelson expressed his opinion that the level of interest in the arts is greater in Langley than in Oak Harbor. Diane Divelbess mentioned that Therese Kingsbury is an electrifying speaker and she is a realtor and knows when vacant buildings are available and uses them for pop-up events and exhibits. The first show she did sold out. Diane Divelbess suggests that LAC see what Therese Kingsbury comes up with for the summer. The January forum needs to be publicized.

c. Langley Walking Arts Tour Brochure – Joann Quintana

Joann Quintana presented a mock-up of a potential walking tour arts brochure that she prepared. The mock-up was called "Langley Creatives Tour: Your Guide to Art, Crafts, Music & More." Instead of only focusing on the sculpture in town, the idea is to produce a guide to everything handmade (artisanal food, crafts and artisan goods) and everything related to the arts, including galleries, music and performance art. The last brochure focused on sculpture and Michele LaRue was involved in its production. Joann needs to talk with Michele LaRue.

d. Status of Hladky Park Hand Railing RFP and Seawall Park Furniture RFP – Brigid Reynolds

Brigid Reynolds reported that the City of Langley did not receive any responses to its request for proposals for handrails for Hladky Park, nor for park furniture. She reported that LAC Chairperson Frank Rose thought the amount of money offered was perhaps too low to attract submittals. The handrails and furniture will be rolled into the First Street improvements project.

e. Fairgrounds Board Meeting, Friday October 27, 2017 – Burt Beusch
Nothing to report.

3. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

For the Good of the Order

Nothing to report.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 AM. The next LAC meeting is Thursday December 14 at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Joann Hamick Quintana (substituting for Diane Divelbess, Secretary)