

Langley Arts Commission Meeting, Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:15AM – Langley City Hall

Meeting was called to order at 9:15 by Diane Divelbess, Acting Chair, serving as alternate for Frank Rose, Chairperson.

Attendance: Diane Divelbess, Jeannie Miller, Hank Nelson, Michelle LaRue, Stacie Burgua  
Guests: Stan Berryman, City Engineer and Robbie Cribbs, Soundtrap studio

Absent: Frank Rose, Callahan McVay; Renee Neff, Brigid Reynolds

Minutes of the LAC Meeting of September 8<sup>th</sup> were reviewed. Jeannie Miller moved and Stacy Burgua seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion carried.

Michelle introduced Robbie Cribbs from Soundtrap Studio who presented Public Art Video that is part of the development of the Langley Public Arts walking tour brochure. The video is ready for release on social media to promote Langley as a destination for art enthusiasts. The video was well received by the commission members.

#### 1. Discussion:

##### a. Seawall Park Committee:

Brigid Reynolds was not present to report on the Seawall Park Committee. Stan Berry mentioned that Sharon Emerson volunteered to chair the new committee. Safety and access were the primary topics discussed at the first meeting. Frank Rose, Stan Berryman and Jeannie Miller attended.

##### b. Artists in Action day:

There was lively discussion about the agenda topic covering the proposed Artists in Action Day. This topic is new to the commission members who agreed that an event of this type is a good idea but felt that the appropriate submission form has not yet been completed for the idea. Jeannie Miller volunteered to complete the appropriate paperwork so the plan can enter the committee's vetting process as a new idea. No action was taken.

#### Reports:

##### d. Status of Post Office sculpture:

Diane Divelbess reported that, due to the difficulty of providing a pedestal for the piece at the Post Office sight, it has been suggested that Dexter Lewis's piece be relocated to one of the 2<sup>nd</sup> street pedestals in place of one of the two new pieces currently in the selection process. There was agreement that the artists who have submitted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> street sight must be notified that one piece will be placed on 2<sup>nd</sup> street and one at the Post Office. Discussion revealed several opinions and questions about how to proceed.

##### Questions:

1. Do we know that the Dexter Lewis sculpture will work on a 2<sup>nd</sup> street pedestal?

2. Is Dexter Lewis okay with the idea of relocating his piece?
3. How do we notify the submitting artists for the 2<sup>nd</sup> street pedestals that one of our choices will be placed at the Post Office instead of on 2<sup>nd</sup> street?
4. Will the artists have different pieces that they would prefer to submit for the Post Office sight?
5. Does there need to be a new open call to artists for the Post Office sight or an amended RFP released only to the submitting artists for the 2<sup>nd</sup> street sights or another option for resolution?

Members agreed to ask Brigid Reynolds to review the questions and options, comment to the commission and draft a communication to the submitting artists about the situation. Stan Berryman and Dianne Divelbess will contact Brigid.

a. Timeline for 2<sup>nd</sup> street selection:

Hank Nelson reported that the deadline for submissions for the 2<sup>nd</sup> street sculptures was on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

b. Revision of the Langley Public Arts Master plan:

Jeannie Miller was not sure what this agenda topic was referring to. No action

c. Applicants for 2<sup>nd</sup> street sculptures:

Members noted that the deadline for a recommendation to the council for the 2<sup>nd</sup> street sculptures is November 10<sup>th</sup> which is also the date of the next commission meeting. It was agreed that we need another meeting to discuss Brigid's recommendation and to plan the selection methodology before the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dianne Divelbess suggested November 3<sup>rd</sup>. She will try to book the room and get back with the exact date and time.

e. Call to Artists for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Dance Bands:

This topic was deferred because Callahan McVay was not present.

f. Whidbey Arts Forum:

Stacie Burgua reported that the Whidbey Island Arts Forum is scheduled on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at WICA. The meeting will be an informal gathering of artists. Outreach will be via website and social media and will be all inclusive. Stacie asked that members send agenda topic ideas to her by email. A possible theme for the meeting emerged, "Elevate the Arts".

g. Walking tour:

The video was viewed at the beginning of the meeting.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday November 10, 2016 at 9:15am.

Respectfully submitted by Jeannie Miller, Acting Secretary