

Minutes of City of Langley Arts Commission Meeting, Thursday August 13, 2015.

Present: Frank Rose, Stacie Burgua, Diane Divelbess, Michele LaRue, Hank Nelson, City Staff Michael Davolio.

Meeting called to order by Frank Rose at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of July 9, 2015 were read; motion to approve by Michele LaRue with second by Stacie Burgua. Motion carried.

Copies of Langley City Ordinance 998 with changed wording in red illustrating its reconciliation with the LAC By Laws were distributed and approved.

Frank Rose announced the vacancy of the position of Vice Chair due to the resignation of Colin Campbell. Stacie Burgua moved and Diane Divelbess seconded that Michele LaRue be appointed to fulfill this position. Motion carried.

The Langley Public Master Art Plan: based in part on community input generated at the Mayor's luncheon on June 30, regarding the economic impact of the arts and using the phrase "if money were no object what art projects would you like to see?" a substantial list of suggestions was collected by Michael Davolio. The list was edited and distributed to LAC members and has been discussed and refined. Since the Langley Planning Board is currently developing a comprehensive plan due next spring which will cover the city's major expenses over the next six years, it is important for LAC to submit ASAP our total financial cost estimates for projects plus any available funding.

The City of Langley will hold a 2016 Operating Budget Workshop August 18, at which Frank Rose will request that LAC be included as a line item in the budget. He will present both estimated and actual costs as well as estimated revenue from sales and also ads for our Art Walk brochure.

In further discussion regarding finances, the question was raised concerning the estimated cost of \$60,000 for beautification of Seawall Park. The answer has to do with Disability Access. This brought up the need to apply for one of the annual NEA Arts Commission Community Grants. Michael Davolio requested that a potential art project to replace the "rain garden" at Windemere Realty on Second Street be included in the 2016 Langley Budget. It was also suggested that a possible art acquisition, for example, the purchase by the City of one of the sculptures on Second Street, be included in the Langley Capital Facilities Plan.

The LAC Community Request Application Form is on the City's website and copies are available at the Front Desk at City Hall. ACTION ITEM: Michael Davolio will distribute copies to the Chamber of Commerce and at Main Street Association meetings.

Michele LaRue moved and Hank Nelson seconded that a Seawall Park Committee be formed with Frank Rose and Hank Nelson representing LAC, and that a public announcement be published calling for others to participate. Motion carried.

There will be a meeting Monday afternoon August 17, 2015 at City Hall with some artists, Frank Rose and Michael Davolio from LAC and Port of South Whidbey representatives Melene Thomson and Marty Mathews to discuss a possible winter event at the Island County Fairgrounds.

Reports:

Sculptors Dale Reiger and Woody Morris' pieces for the Second Street Competition will be available for viewing at the Freeland Art Studios August 18-21 from 10:30-12:00 noon. Dan Freeman's piece is currently on view outside the Rob Schouten Gallery at Green Bank Farm.

The Due Date for the Post Office Site Competition is October 1, 2015.

Frank Rose reported that the newly installed "Fire House Wall" mural by Emily Moore has been well received.

Michele LaRue reported that artists have been too busy to turn in requested bio information and artist statements. She and Michael Davolio will take additional photographs of artist works.

Michael Davolio reported that Parks and Recreation was having their first meeting in a long time this evening and he will suggest that they appoint a liaison to attend the LAC meetings, and we should do likewise.

To replace Colin Campbell on the LAC, an announcement for applicants will be published. From the pool of applicants the Mayor will make the appointment.

Since the purpose of an annual LAC Special Meeting in August is for the election of officers and clarification of terms of office, Michael Davolio will present the list of terms (see following) and we decided there is no need to call an additional meeting.

TERMS ENDING 6/2/2016: Diane Divelbess, Hank Nelson, (Colin Campbell's vacant, to be filled).

TERMS ENDING 6/2/2017: Stacie Burgua, Michele LaRue, Callahan McVay, Frank Rose.

Meeting adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Divelbess, Secretary