

**FAIRGROUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Held at Burrier Building, Fairgrounds, 819 Camano Ave, Langley WA

Friday August 25, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**July 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes Approval**

**Meeting Agenda Approval**

**Port Update**

**General Discussion**

**Action Items**

- Any formal correspondence to Port Commissioners?
- Others

**Old Business**

- Horse/Trailer parking for horse shows

**New Business**

## FARGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2017, 3:00pm @ Burrier Building, 819 Camano Ave, Langley, WA

### **Present:**

Roxy Taylor – Port of South Whidbey

Virginia Keck – Whidbey Island Fair

Glenda Campbell

Adam Fawcett – Fairground Tenant Representative

Burt Beusch – City of Langley Council

Dominique Emerson – City of Langley

Ed Halloran, Commissioner for the Port of South Whidbey

Cliff Hagglund - WWGA

Inge Morascini – Langley Chamber of Commerce

Marian Myszkowski - Goosefoot

Helen Price-Johnson Island County Commissioner

Gary Gabelein – South Whidbey Historical Society

Cathi Mann-Fisher, 4-H Program Coordinator, WSU Extension/Island County 4-H

Leanne Finley – Greater Freeland Chamber of Commerce

### **Meeting Called to Order by Gary Gabelein @ 3:03pm**

**Minutes** – Motion to approve of the minutes made by Virginia Keck, 2nd by Adam Fawcett, motion passed.

**Agenda Approved** – Motion to approve of the agenda made by Dominique Emerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Virginia Keck

**Port of South Whidbey – Ed Halloran** – Totem Poles - The “Story Pole” which was created by William Shelton is in need of repairs. A committee of Bill Haroldson, his son Mark Haroldson, representatives from the Tulalip Tribes and the South Whidbey Historical Society are forming a nonprofit to help fund the renovation and preservation of the Story Pole. This committee will see that the needed repairs are done and to keep any work on the totem poles in historical context. Funds need to be raised for the work and it is estimated 25,000.00 and 75,000.00.

Port has a new website that is up and working that people can refer to about Port information.

The work on the Coffman Building (4-H Building) remodel will be starting soon. This kitchen remodel will take place in partnership with Goosefoot.

The port is reviewing the long-term plans, 5-years and 10-year plans, including financial planning.

A planned Open House regarding Clinton.

The port wants input and then feedback on issues of concern.

**Port of South Whidbey, Fairgrounds – Roxy** – The issues of low water pressure have been resolved. A new backflow valve had been installed and that is when the problems developed with the water pressure. With the increased in water flow with the fair and uses by the tenants, and the City of Langley cleaned out the filter which helped with the pressure problem. The water pressure is back to normal.

The fairgrounds have a new tenant in Brit Fletcher a local blueberry farm.

The fairgrounds property management is currently working with a baker to rent out the commercial kitchen for a Wedding Cake Business.

The Haunted Fairgrounds – Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the fairgrounds. Groups would rent space to create a Halloween theme display/activity. The groups could use their display/activity as a fundraising by donation jar or purchase ticket. At this point the Whidbey Children Theater group is involved. The hope is to have an ongoing event at the fairgrounds every year on the Saturday before Halloween.

Roxy would like to for people involved with the fairgrounds to think outside of the box and to bring those ideas to the port.

### **Old Business**

**Parking for the horse trailers during the horse shows.** As of this time, it looks like there is no solution for this problem. A suggestion of moving the camp sites down to the area below the goat barn. This idea wasn't feasible due to the cost.

### **New Business**

**Safety on the Fairgrounds** – Several members expressed concern over different safety issues on the fairgrounds.

1. Protocol for an active shooter on the fairgrounds.
2. Question if the fairgrounds is a gun free zone or not.
3. Concern over drug paraphernalia found on the fairgrounds.
4. Security of buildings on the fairgrounds.

Helen Price-Johnson will speak with local law enforcement agencies about having more of a law enforcement presents on the fairgrounds during events.

There was a discussion on who would be legally responsible if there was an outbreak of a disease on the fairgrounds. Legally the Port wouldn't be held responsible for an outbreak.

The decision to work on a wall of concerns at the September meeting. This will give the committee members the opportunity to do research on their area of concerns and be able to report back to the committee.

**Members Round Robin – Most of the member had no reports to give.**

**Virginia Keck – Island County Fair Association** - Last month the comment was made that the numbers were down this year. Virginia checked into the numbers and the number of individuals coming through the gate were up this year. The numbers for the two years are as follow:

2016 – 16,938

2017 - 18,278

Virginia express concern over when events are scheduled back to back and overlap on the use of the property by two or more tenants and the issue of cleaning up after an event.

**Inge Morascini – Langley Chamber of Commerce** – The online advertising for the fair cost \$50.00 and were viewed by 10,000.

**Cathi Mann-Fisher – WSU Extension/Island County 4-H** – Concern over Biosecurity and the lack of hand washing station on the fairgrounds during event where animals are present.

**Glenda Campbell – A member of the Island County Fair Association** – Expressed concerned over the exact date that the fairgrounds would be turned over to the Fair Association to manage before the fair and when the Port would take over the property after the fair ended.

It was explained to Ms. Campbell that the lease between the Port of South Whidbey and the Island County Fair Association list the exact terms on who was managing the property and when. It was also explained that Virginia Keck was the representative for the Island County Fair Association to the Fairground Advisory Committee and in the future any questions or concern can address by way of Ms. Keck.

**Meeting adjourned 4:09pm**

Respectfully submitted by Cathi Mann-Fisher Leaders' Fairgrounds Advisory Committee Recording Secretary.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, September 29, 2017 @ 3:00pm @ the Burrier Building. 819 Camano Ave, Langley, WA.