

FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at Coffman Building, Fairgrounds, 819 Camano Ave, Langley WA
Friday July 27, 2018 at 11:15 a.m.

AGENDA

Meeting Agenda Approval

June 29, 2018 Meeting Minutes Approval

Port Update (introduce new Executive Director)

General Discussion

- Other/Roundtable

Action Items

- Review current list of concerns/action items/top priorities to Commissioners
- Any formal correspondence to Port Commissioners
- Others

Old Business

New Business

FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2018, 11:15am. @ Coffman Building, 819 Camano Ave, Langley, WA

Present	Organization
Gary Gabelein	South Whidbey Historical Society [Chariman]
Adam Fawcett	Tenants Representative
Gwendy Hastings	Member at Large
Dominque Emerson	City of Langley [Vice Chair}
Donna VanWetter	WWGS
Stan Reeves	Port of South Whidbey
Inge Morascini	Langley, Chamber of Commerce
Cathi Mann-Fisher	WSU Extension/Island County 4-H [Recording Secretary]
Larry Lehtonen	Fairgrounds Property Manager

Meeting Called to Order @ 11:17am

Minutes - Motion made to accept the minutes as written by Dominique Emerson, second by Inga Morascini. Motion passed.

Agenda - A motion was made to changes to the order of the agenda by having the Old and New Business after the Roundtable Reports, by Dominique Emerson, 2nd Donna VanWetter. Motion passed.

Port update – Stan Reeves – Started Wednesday, July 25th as the new Executive Director for the Port of South Whidbey. Welcome Aboard Stan.

Grant application with Island County is close to being approve. This grant will fund several projects on the fairgrounds and there is also be a matching funds with the RCO grant.

1. Campgrounds upgrades
2. Coffey Building remodeling
3. Pole building
4. Back flow installation
5. Storm drainage
6. Electrical upgrades

Currently there is no additional information on the brewery on the fairgrounds.

The Port is working on a USDA grant for \$30,000.00. The grant will fund toward work on the Coffman Kitchen.

Fairground update

Larry - Investigating if the fairgrounds can be turned over to the tenants before the 1st of the August. Currently the Island County Fair Association has possession of the property for the month of the July, (July 1st – 31st).

The issue of smoking on the fairgrounds was raised. The Fair Association allows smoking on the fairgrounds in certain areas and the Port of South Whidbey doesn't allow smoking on the property

Working online reservations system for the campgrounds.

Whidbey Telecon was contacted about putting in a cell tower to improve the cell service on the fairgrounds. Whidbey Telecon didn't express any interest in adding another cell tower in the area. Exploring other ways of improving the wifi on the fairgrounds.

Working on increasing the water pressure on the fairgrounds.

Round Table Discussions

Dominique Emerson, City of Langley – The city will be working on several projects in the upcoming future.

1. Repairs to the streets are schedule to start during the month of September.
2. Emergency preparedness is being updated.
3. The 2% Funding Committee will be holding a meeting in September.
4. The Advisory board is in the process of finalizing code for tiny homes in Langley.
5. A plan is being developed to a more level playing field between businesses. A meeting is scheduled for August 6th @ 5:30

Donna VanWetter – Western Washington Gaming Association – A major show is planned for the 2nd weekend in August. Check in will be one Friday, August 9th and the gaming will be held on Saturday & Sunday, August 10th & 11th.

Adam Fawcett, Representative for the Tenants – The collaboration between the fair, port and tenants gets better every day.

Inga Morascini, Langley Chamber of Commerce – Next year the tall ships will be in Langley for 2 weekends in May and September for a total of 4 weekends. Working on a discount rate for mooring fees for the ships.

Plans are being developed for a grower celebration during first weekend on the October. The celebration will focus on the local agriculture. The first few days of the celebrations there will be workshops, and on the weekend, there will be booths with crafts and foods. This event will coincide with the farm tours. This will be a ticketed event.

Gwendy Hasting, Member at Large – Wondered about the attendance numbers of the recent Whidbey Island Fair. There is a need for more biosecurity signage in the area of the barns.

Cathi Mann-Fisher – WSU Extension/4-H – 4-H participated in the recent Whidbey Island Fair. There was an incident with a vendor's Rottweiler charging a group of 4-H'ers and their dogs in the campgrounds. The targeted 4-H dog was handled by an older 4-H'er and the young man was able to maneuver his dog away from the Rottweiler, at that point the owner of the Rottweiler was able to gain control over his dog. Frustrated over the incident, the Rottweiler was allowed in the campground against the ICFA own rules. Confusion on conflicting dates to remove equipment and do clean up after the fair closes.

Old business

No old business

New business

The regular scheduled meeting will be on Friday, August 31st, this is the Friday before Labor Day weekend. The issue of holiday traffic was raised and a discussion about possibly changing the meeting date.

The motion was made to change the date of the next FAC meeting from August 31st to August 24th for a one time only change by Dominique Emerson, 2nd by Inga Morascini. Motion passed

Action Items –

Increase signage in the area around the barns.

Letter to Angi Mozer

Finding additional volunteers to work at the fair, in the Antique Barn and other buildings.

Possibly providing free parking and pass into the fair for the volunteers.

Meeting adjourned @ 12:17p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted to the FAC by Cathi Mann-Fisher, FAC Recording secretary.

Next meeting August 24, 2018, 3:00pm @ the Burier Building, Fairgrounds.