

FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at Burrier Building, Fairgrounds, 819 Camano Ave, Langley WA
Friday, January 25, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Meeting Agenda Approval

November 30, 2018 Meeting Minutes Approval

Port Update

- On-Call Engineer
- Coffman Kitchen

Fairgrounds Update

General Discussion

- Other/Roundtable

Old Business

New Business

- Election of Officers (Chair and Recording Secretary)
- Appointment of "At-large" members
- Appointment of "Tenant" member
- Begin process to re-name the Fairgrounds

Action Items

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

FARGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2019, 3:00pm @ Burrier Building. 819 Camano Ave, Langley, WA

Present:

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| Gary Gabelein {Chairperson} | South Whidbey Historical Society |
| Virginia Keck | Island County Fair Association Representative |
| Stan Reeves | Executive Director, Port of South Whidbey |
| Jon Beck | Member at Large |
| Gwendy Hastings | Member at Large |
| Inge Morascini | Langley, Chamber of Commerce |
| Sharon Edwards | WWGA |
| Cathi Mann-Fisher {Recording Secretary} | 4-H Program Coordinator, WSU Extension |

Meeting Called to Order by Gary Gabelein @3:07 pm

Agenda – Motion to approve the agenda made by Jon Beck, second by Virginia Keck, passed.

Minutes – Motion to approve of the minutes made by Sharon Edwards, 2nd by Inga Morascini, motion passed.

Port Updates – Stan Reeves – Black box is mostly finish, refining a few last details. Coffman kitchen is moving forward, and plans will be done in February. Contracts will be completed in May and the construction will start after the fair with a planned finish of date January 2020.

The Port is working on the drainage issue in the horse arena. The next project will be the footing for the horse arena with a completion date of 1st of April.

The Port of South Whidbey Report on the fairgrounds attached.

General Discussions/Roundtable Reports

Member Reports

Virginia Keck –Island County Fair Association – No report

Langley Chamber of Commerce - Inga Morascini – The Langley C of C is working on events to bring people into the City of Langley and the fairgrounds. These events will increase revenue from tourism and show case Langley and the surrounding as a desirable location to visit.

1. Mystery Weekend, February 23rd & 24th
2. Working on a possible 2nd mystery event on the fairgrounds for youth next year, happening at the same time as the adult Mystery Weekend.
3. October Harvest Event, 1st week of October as the end of Whidbey Island grow week,
4. Lady Washington is coming to Langley in September 2019. Lady Washington is a replica of the first ship to explore Washington.
5. Orcas Whale seminar
6. Suva Antique sailing ship will be dock at Langley Harbor during the weekend of July 4th and again in August.

Gwendy Hastings – Member at Large – Doing research and found that the public likes Bingo, Sushi Event and Country Christmas. The public would like to see something every month on the fairgrounds.

The Port of South Whidbey - Stan Reeve – In the future, FAC will have involvement in creating the budget and the work will start earlier in the year. The Port will be re-naming the fairgrounds, to appeal to more individuals and groups who may be interested in renting the property.

Sharon Edwards – WWGA – Working on set dates for shows, generally the shows are on the 1st Sunday of each month. The gaming season starting April 7th, with all shows being 2 days shows with the exception of the September show.

Jon Beck – Member at Large – The port tractor delivered back from WA Tractor, but delivered to the wrong location by mistake. Repairs were made. Mr. Beck raised the following issues.

1. There is a need for a drag class for the horse arena, so everyone is following the same process, so liability issues don't develop.
2. The port needs to secure the proper equipment. The port has a pasture drag and not an arena groomer that is needed to groom the arena.
3. The footing isn't safe and needs to be address.
4. Roofs on the horse barns is in need of repair and can they be patched this year?

South Whidbey Historic Society - Gary Gabelein – Sharon Edwards, asked “If there can be a substitute for the appointed member of the FAC, when the appointed member is unable to attend the meeting?” There was no rule on it and the committee needs to have input from each of the groups. This day forward if you can't make the meeting, you must contact Stan and send a sub. One vote per group.

Cathi Mann-Fisher –WSU Extension 4-H is working on upcoming events:

1. January 19th, Speakeasy Training byway of Zoom meeting for public speaking. This training is being facilitated by senior 4-H'er for younger members.
2. January 26th, Super Saturday at the Home Connection School in Oak Harbor. This is educational workshop with classes for both youth and adults. A variety of subjects will be covered.
3. February 2nd, 4-H will be providing refreshment for the Sound Waters Workshops at the SWHS.
4. February 23rd, 27th and March 2nd Island County 4-H will be holding regionals Public Presentations.
5. May 18th & 19th Spring Show at the fairgrounds.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Elections –

Chairperson - Gary Gabelein

Recording Secretary – Unfilled position.

Rename the fairground for marketing purposes,

Exercise on buzz words for the name change to be using in developing a new name.

Action items

No Action Items.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20pm

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

Next meeting will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 @ 3:00pm @ the Burrier Building. 819 Camano Ave, Langley, WA.