

FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

Friday, February 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Meeting Agenda Approval

January 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes Approval

Port Update

- On-Call Engineer
- Coffman Kitchen

Fairgrounds Update

General Discussion

- Other/Roundtable

Old Business

- Continue process to re-name the Fairgrounds

New Business

Action Items

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

Fairgrounds Advisory Committee Meeting 2-22-2019 Minutes

Attendance:

V. Keck	I. C. Fair Ass.
Adam Fawcett	Tenants
Dominique Emerson	Langley City Council
Jon Beck	At Large
Gary Gabelein	S. W. Historical Soc.
Gwendy Hastings	At Large
Larry Lehtonen	Port of S. W.
Jesse Levesque	Port of S. W.

Gary called the meeting to order at 3:05.

Motion to approve the minutes made by Gwendy, second by Jon, approved.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Dominique, second by Gary, approved.

Port Update:

Black Box Theater exit essentially done, cost approximately \$40,000. Virginia asked if port employees could do this type of work for less cost. Larry said that any contractors that use employee labor or subcontractors have to pay prevailing wage unless they work alone and elect not to participate in the program. Larry would have to hire another person with those types of skills and he does not currently have the budget for that. Virginia said that having a person with those types of skills should be a goal for the future.

Coffman Kitchen plans should be done next month, then submitted for approval, with the intent to start construction after the fair.

Fairgrounds Update:

Planning an intermediate repair of the arena for now, a complete reworking will be done after the drainage problem has been addressed. The repair schedule will be tight as the work can not conflict with upcoming horse events. Jon will give Larry information on the make and model of a groomer for the port to purchase to help with the footing. The port has budgeted \$5000 for a groomer.

General Roundtable:

Langley Council—passed an ordinance requiring all dogs to be on leash. Discussion followed regarding signage on fairgrounds, Larry will think about it.

Tenants-- It's cold.

I. C. Fair—Snow canceled meeting.

At Large—nothing to report.

S. W. Historical—presented their newsletter, right now it is general Whidbey historical information.

Old Business:

Rebranding Fairgrounds—Jesse compiled lists of responses regarding past, present and future ideas of people's impressions of the fairgrounds. She presented visual posters as another way of expressing those ideas. Her final handout was a list of possible names culled from the original responses. The committee agreed that Whidbey Island needed to be part of the final name, Fairgrounds was also necessary. There was some discussion of the term Event Center but no alternative was presented so the final two choices were 'Whidbey Island Fairgrounds and Event Center' or 'Whidbey Island Event Center at the Fairgrounds'. Dominique felt that the term 'Event Center' was limiting and

will contact Jesse if she thinks of an alternative.

New Business:

Do we need to elect a new secretary?

Can we use some of the upstairs areas for storage?

Meeting adjourned at 3:50.

Respectfully,

Virginia Keck

Next meeting last Friday in March (March 29th)