

**FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Friday, August 23, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

**Meeting Agenda Approval**

**July 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes Approval**

**Port Update**

**Fairgrounds Update**

**General Discussion**

- Other/Roundtable

**Old Business**

- Guideline for naming buildings on Fairgrounds
- Consider request to name building and facility submitted by Fair Association

**New Business**

- None

**Action Items**

- Review current list of concerns/action items/top priorities to Commissioners
- Any formal correspondence to Port Commissioners
- Approve Draft Guideline for naming buildings on the Fairgrounds
- Others

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## In Attendance

Virginia Keck  
Gary Gabelein  
Gwendy Hastings  
Stan Reeves  
Sharon Edwards  
Helen Price Johnson  
Dominique Emerson  
Adam Fawcett  
Cathi Mann-Fisher

## Organization

Island County Fair Association  
South Whidbey Historical Society, Chair  
At Large  
Port of South Whidbey – non voting  
WWGA  
Island County Commissioner  
Langley City Council  
Tenants  
Island County 4H

## Not Attending:

Larry Lehtonen                      Port of South Whidbey  
Christi Woodward                      WWGA  
Jason Kalk                              Island County Fair Association – non voting  
Inge Morascini                        Langley Chamber of Commerce  
Jon Beck                                At Large

**Meeting called to order** at 3:06 pm. by Gary Gabelein

## Agenda Approved:

Moved by Sharon Edwards, second by Dominique Emerson

## Minutes Approved:

Minutes of July 26, 2019 moved by Gwendy Hastings, second by Sharon Edwards

## Port Update:

 See attached report with these additional notes:

- **RCED Grant:** Has hit a snag but funds should be released soon
- **Coffman Kitchen:** ADA parking and pathways will be put by entryway. Grass will be removed
- **New Project** undergoing On-Call Engineering development: After learning of a WA Dept of Agriculture \$100K grant possibility, getting cost estimates of gutting restrooms below the port office and replacing with ADA compliant, cipher locks and unisex bathrooms with shower.

## Fairgrounds Update:

 See attached report. Additions:

- **Django Fest:** Ad hoc jam sessions with some food and beverages will be held on site
- **Harvest Festival:** Cost of \$200/booth appears to be a detriment to signups

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## General Roundtable:

**South Whidbey Historical Society, Chair: (GG)** Nothing to report.

**Island County: (HPJ)** Not Present

**4H: (CMF)** Problems with Fair discussed included:

- New 4H year starts Oct 1. 40 youth going to State Fair next month
- Rabbit holes caused several people to tumble. Idea of Predator Perches was brought up. See <http://tommy51.tripod.com/perch.html>,  
Perches for raptors - eFOTG - USDA
- Doors were left unlocked, need security lock
- Concern voiced over treatment of 4H'ers and the stress of the Fair. Youth can still quality without Fair.
- Concern voiced over live auction timing with the early date of the Fair. Animals not mature enough.

**Fair Association: (VK)(JK)**

**Fair:** Investigating concerns voiced by 4H'ers

**Naming:** Proposal to Port on naming the Small Kitchen/Snack Stand in the Hope Building after Klaus Zuiderbaan and Sally Berry to be submitted.

Motion by Virginia Keck, seconded by Dominique Emerson. 7 yes.

Additional discussion of single plaque/name verses large, additive design and placement of wording. Also large, painted signs on named space.

**Langley Chamber of Commerce: (IM)** Not Present

**WWGA: (SE)(CW)** Horse show lost money but the horse arena was great inspite of rain.

**Tenants: (AF)** Discussed:

- Investigating of leaving floor in place to reduce move out/in effort
- Parking lots need cleaning after fair as they are greasy and dusty.
- Still need more effort on tenant/fair transitions

**At Large: (GH)** Echoed concern of 4H and fair interactions.

**At Large: (JB)** Not Present

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## City of Langley: (DE)

- Short term Rental Code passed with caps on whole house and ADUs. Discussion of insurance for renters ensued.
- Infrastructure Project received \$3M grant from County depends on bond approval for \$4M to be decided in November

## Old Business:

**Process for naming buildings on Fairgrounds** was discussed; the guideline for naming buildings was with all modifications approved that include the final approval authority rests with the Port Board of Commissioners. Motion by Gwendy Hastings, seconded by Sharon Edwards. 7 yes

## New Business:

**Plaque Funding:** Continuing discussion on how to fund the plaques/method of marking a building. Need cost estimates of various options.

## New Business:

**Concerns:** Showers and toilets drip water and run continuously, wasting resources and costing money. Rabbits are a huge issue in the hazards they create.

**To Port Commissioners:** Final Building Naming Guidelines and Small Kitchen/Snack Stand proposal

Meeting adjourned at 4:35.

**Next meeting** Friday, 3 pm, September 29<sup>th</sup>