

## **FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Held via Zoom Meeting Service  
Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm

### **AGENDA**

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### **Meeting Agenda Approval**

**June 21, 2023 Meeting Minutes not available quite yet**

### **Port Update**

### **Fairgrounds Update**

### **General Discussion**

- Other/Roundtable

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

### **Action Items**

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

**Fairgrounds Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2023**  
**5:30 pm Remote Zoom meeting**

**In attendance**

Gary Gabelein South Whidbey Historical Society, Chair  
Gwendy Hastings At-Large  
Commissioner Bacon Island County  
Clayton Canfield At-Large  
Amanda Ellis Port of South Whidbey – Fairgrounds Director  
Angi Mozer Port of South Whidbey – Executive Director  
Michael Hastings Fair Association

**Not in attendance**

Loretta Strothman Martin Langley Chamber of Commerce  
Alex Foode WWGA  
Jaime Ruddell 4-H Coordinator  
Shannon Bly Tenants  
David Stern Port of South Whidbey – Fairgrounds Marketing and Events Host  
Thomas Gill City of Langley

**Meeting called to order at 5:30pm.**

**Agenda Approved:** Approved.

**Minutes Approved:** Minutes from June 21, 2023 approved.

**Port Update:**

- Angi Mozer reported that the 4-H restroom project is complete and the bathroom is beautiful.
- Angi is trying to quickly get up to speed on the Rural County Economic Development Grant, what was in the original plan in the application, what's been done, and what can be done before the end of the year, which is when the funds expire. Gwendy asked for more detail on the grant. Angi explained that the Port has asked for several extension on the grant and there will be no more extensions. Angi summarized several of the projects that were included in the grant, and described that the Coffman building renovation was designed, but that the cost estimate for construction was extremely high and not achievable with the budget. Angi will follow up with a summary to the FAC since she wasn't able to recall many of the details at the time of the meeting.
- Angi reported that Rick Brown of The Brown Associates/Architects presented a concept to the Port Commissioners during their most recent Commissioners' meeting for the potential new concession stands and residences. The Commissioners provided significant feedback on the concept- the concept encroached on the midway especially at the pinch point of where the Pole building is. The concept provided a garage for a parking spot on the ground floor; the Commissioners asked that the parking be removed so that a covered, open air area can serve as the midway. The design was also very modern; the Commissioners asked that the design be a little bit more traditional so that it coordinates better with the feel of the Fairgrounds. Angi will provide the FAC with the updated drawings for review and feedback.

**Fairgrounds Update:**

- The Fairgrounds are very busy with the ongoing events. The campgrounds are closed for the next round of events. The new Maintenance Technician hired has been able to get familiar with the Fairgrounds and has found a few areas of safety concerns with the buildings. The Port is looking into those areas and figuring out how to make sure that events, including Fair, are safe for participants.
- The electrical assessment for the campgrounds is complete; the Port is reviewing it and will decide next steps.
- The Agreements for the Fair and for the Fair Association's occupancy on the Fairgrounds are signed! Amanda spent some time explaining the two Agreements and how this new structure is much better.

**General Discussion/Roundtable:**

Amanda: reported that possession of the commemorative plaque has been transferred from the Port to the Fair Association. Michael confirmed that the Fair Association is working on a location for it and is working on having it displayed.

Gwendy: The Historic Society needs volunteers for parking for the Fair. Amanda volunteered to spread social media information for the purpose.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for August 16, 2023 at 5:30 pm (virtual)