

FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at Freeland Library Meeting Room, 5495 Harbor Avenue, Freeland WA 98249

With virtual access via Zoom Meeting Service

Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 6:00 pm

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting Agenda Approval

August 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes Approval

September 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes Approval

Port Update

Fairgrounds Update

General Discussion

- Other/Roundtable

Old Business

Quorum details

Permanent members (term not to exceed 2 years)

Island County (non-voting, ex-officio member)

City of Langley (non-voting, ex-officio member)

Langley Chamber of Commerce

WSU Extension/Island County 4-H

South Whidbey Historical Society

Whidbey Island Fair Association

Whidbey Western Games Association

Non-permanent members (1 year term, not to exceed 3 consecutive terms)

(1) Tenant representative

(2) At-Large representatives

A quorum shall consist of a simple majority (50% plus one) of permanent, tenant, and at-large Committee members. Issues that require a vote will pass with a majority of Committee members present for a meeting.

Therefore, there are 8 voting representatives designated in the By-Laws, so a quorum would be established when there are 5 committee members present.

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 – November 15, 2023
6:00 pm Hybrid (in person and Zoom) meeting

In attendance

Gary Gabelein South Whidbey Historical Society, Chair
Gwendy Hastings At-Large
Clayton Canfield At-Large
Virginia Keck Fair Association
Megan Williams Fair Association
Jason Kalk Fair Association
Thomas Gill City of Langley
Loretta Strothman Martin Langley Chamber of Commerce
Inge Morascini Langley Chamber of Commerce
Martin Vandepas Tenants
Jeff Markette Tenants
Amanda Ellis Port of South Whidbey – Fairgrounds Director
David Stern Port of South Whidbey – Fairgrounds Marketing and Events Coordinator
Angi Mozer Port of South Whidbey – Executive Director
Dr. Ashley Hernandez-Hall – 4-H/WSU Extension

Not in attendance

Commissioner Melanie Bacon Island County
Carissa Moore WWGA

Agenda Approved.

Minutes Approved: Minutes from August 16 and September 20, 2023.

Port Update:

- Angi Mozer reported on the Rural County Economic Development Grant projects: Coffman alcove, Campgrounds, Pole electrical upgrade. She also reported on the Burrier Building and Food Booths projects. Lastly she provided an update on the Workforce Housing project. Gwendy asked if the Port is using Jerry Beck and Company for the Pole Building electrical work, and Angi responded that the Port did receive a quote from JBC, but will be following up to get quotes from the Small Works Roster as well.

Fairgrounds Update:

- Amanda provided information about the Holiday at Hogwarts planned for the Turner Building following the Holiday parade in Langley, and complimenting the Fair Association's Country Christmas.
- Amanda described her plans to have guest speakers attend future Fairgrounds Advisory Committee meetings.
- Amanda described the desire to initiate a volunteer program at the Fairgrounds. Loretta suggested using community sites for outreach. Inge mentioned accessing Hearts and Hammers for assistance or volunteer lists. She suggested also putting public announcements in the newspaper, posting pictures of a successful project and what the next project is.
- The group discussed having a subcommittee focused on the improvement projects around the property. Clayton is willing to participate and help lead the subcommittee.
- Amanda reported that vendors serving out the food booths will need to be certified by the County Health Department for Fair, especially if they are preparing food in the booths.

General Discussion/Roundtable:

Inge Morascini: Langley Creates has gathered grants totaling around \$100k to create an outdoor culture museum, which will be created along Cascade Avenue between 6th and 2nd. The Chamber has sponsored an ad on PBS to invite the public to come to Langley for Christmas.

The group discussed bringing the by-laws to the next meeting to discuss re-instating them. The group also decided to skip the December meeting because of the holidays.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for January 17 at 6:00 p.m. in hybrid (Zoom and in person) format.