

**FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

With virtual access via Zoom Meeting Service

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm

**AGENDA**

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Meeting Agenda Approval**

**Meeting Minutes Approval**

**Officer selection**

**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 – August 21, 2024**  
**6:00 pm Hybrid (In person and Zoom) meeting**

**In attendance**

Gary Gabelein - South Whidbey Historical Society, Chair  
Mayor Kennedy Horstman - City of Langley  
Gwendy Gabelein - At-Large  
Virginia Keck – Fair Association  
Sarah Moncey Gordon - Langley Chamber of Commerce  
Angi Mozer Port of South Whidbey – Executive Director

**Not in attendance**

Carissa - WWGA  
Jeff Markette - Tenants  
Michael Hastings – Fair Association  
Commissioner Melanie Bacon - Island County  
R-A Mazzola - 4-H  
Amanda Ellis Port of South Whidbey – Fairgrounds Director  
David Stern Port of South Whidbey – Fairgrounds Marketing & Events Coordinator

**Agenda Approved:** (Kennedy proposed, Keck 2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Minutes approved:** Minutes from the May 22, June 26, and July 17, 2024 Meetings. (Gwendy proposed, Va 2<sup>nd</sup>) (consensus regarding changes relating to a quorum apply to time that a position is empty)

**Port Update:**

- Workforce housing project update: The port will propose a feasibility study to the school district board on Sept. 11, 2024 to address the boundary line and parking problem the work force housing plan is encountering. They will try to pay for the study from Island County Rural Economic Development funds, however both the school and the county need to approve the proposal before any action can take place.
- Campgrounds utilities project: Power and water are available in the campgrounds. The port plans to replace the campground water line, and extend it to add a fire hydrant by the chips and manure bins by the sheep barn.
- Pole Building: Infrared heat and blackout rolling shades are planned for the Pole Building.
- Coffman Building: Commercial carpet and noise deadening panels are planned for the Coffman Building
- Burrier Building: The port will coordinate with Vibrant Fitness to fix the sagging roof in the Burrier Building.

**Fairgrounds Update:**

- Events since our last meeting: OMOKSEE, HOPE, Little Big Fest, Fair, Ragnar (3200 participants for Ragnar).

**General Discussion/Roundtable:**

Sarah: Langley is planning for future events

Kennedy: Lodging tax funding being released on Friday, special permit process being revised

Virginia: Fair attendance down probably due to carnival problems, new events at fair and more planned

Gwendy: concerned that fair lease and insurance be current, unhappy with 'Marilyn Gabelein Barn' sign on horse barn during fair, given previous conversations among the FAC regarding signage

Gary: no comment.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** discussion of someone attending port meetings to help keep the commissioners current with FAC affairs, no volunteers, Gwendy said that she'd do it if the meetings were at 5:00 instead of 4:00.

**Next Meeting:** September 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. – hybrid format at the Freeland Library.