

FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at the Coffman/4-H Building, 819 Camano Avenue, Langley WA 98260

With virtual access via Zoom Meeting Service

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting Agenda Approval

Meeting Minutes Approval

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 – November 20, 2024
6:00 pm Hybrid (In person and Zoom) meeting

In attendance

Mayor Kennedy Horstman - City of Langley
Virginia Keck – Fair Association
Gwendy Gabelein - At-Large
Nancy Thelen – Fair Association
Sarah Moncey Gordon - Langley Chamber of Commerce
Commissioner Melanie Bacon - Island County
R-A Mazzola - 4-H
Amanda Ellis Port of South Whidbey – Fairgrounds Director
Angi Mozer Port of South Whidbey – Executive Director

Not in attendance

Gary Gabelein - South Whidbey Historical Society, Chair (stepping down due to ill health)
Carissa - WWGA
Jeff Markette - Tenants
David Stern Port of South Whidbey – Fairgrounds Marketing & Events Coordinator

Agenda Approved: (Virginia proposed, Gwendy 2nd)

Minutes approved: Minutes from the October 16, 2024 Meeting. (Virginia proposed, Gwendy 2nd)

Port Update:

The port's proposal to include School District property in its workforce housing feasibility study was presented at the November school board meeting and was accepted. The county will need to approve the inclusion of school property in the funding scope.

The port will ask for a 6 month extension to its RCDEF grant in order to complete ongoing projects. Ongoing projects include water and power in the campgrounds (new frost free faucets), general drainage (new gutters), Coffman remodel (isolate kitchen area and widen kitchen doorways, eventually carpet main area), and for the Pole Building: completing the electrical up grade and finding a solution to providing heat. Permitting will not be granted for a propane radiant solution. At this point bringing 3 phase power to the pole building and installing electrical heat may be the solution remembering that the building is a historical building which constrains what can be done.

Fairgrounds Update:

Outcast Theatre is presenting The Roommate, Country Christmas is happening and the port will host Holiday Whobilee right after the Langley Holly Jolly parade. Gwendy asked if the Creative District might fund advertising for events at the fairgrounds. Amanda plans to look into that.

In December or January security lighting will be installed on the fairgrounds buildings from Coffman north. Besides deterring trespassers and providing lighting for occupants they will provide lighting for the port's security cameras.

There are three new tenants for 2025 at the fairgrounds and a waiting list will be started for the Coffman kitchen. (Gwendy asked if the food booths could be used for food preparation.

Answer is basically no for now.) The refrigerator in the Coffman kitchen is being replaced and the hot water heater in the pole building kitchen.

An underground leak is being explored by the Burrier building.

The port hosted a workshop for food businesses to help them navigate permitting processes. Fifteen people participated to beat the December 2nd deadline for annual permits.

Ren Faire may not happen in 2025 due to costs and availability of facilities but perhaps 2026. Sarah is especially disappointed and will be talking to some people she knows who are involved with it.

General Discussion/Roundtable:

Sarah – Langley planning for Holly Jolly parade, tree lighting

RA – 4-H concentrating on fall events

Gwendy – Inquired about what is happening with the story poles? Much discussion no solution yet.

Nancy – Went to fair convention, planning new activities for fair

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjourned: 7:11 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.