

FAIRGROUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held at China City Conference Room (Ground Floor), 1804 Scott Rd, Freeland, WA

With virtual access via Zoom Meeting Service

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 pm

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting Agenda Approval

Meeting Minutes Approval from November 20, 2024

Port Update

- Port Levy

Fairgrounds Update

- Signage

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 – March 19, 2025
6:00 pm Hybrid (In person and Zoom) meeting**

In attendance

Mayor Kennedy Horstman - City of Langley
Virginia Keck – Fair Association
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
David Stern Port of South Whidbey – Fairgrounds Marketing & Events Coordinator

Not in attendance

Gwendy Gabelein - At-Large
Gary Gabelein - South Whidbey Historical Society, Chair (stepping down due to ill health)
Carissa - WWGA
Jeff Markette - Tenants

Agenda: Due to late attendance, a quorum was not reached until 6:13 when Kennedy stepped in to chair the meeting. Agenda informally discussed.

Minutes approved: Minutes from the November 20, 2024 Meeting, during Old Business.

Port Update:

Island County has requested a letter from the school district allowing the port to proceed with its feasibility study including school district property. The port will present the request at the next board meeting.

The port is considering requesting a levy reset in November. A citizen advisory board will be formed to help with the levy ask.

Construction of the new water and power lines in the campgrounds is supposed to end by April 4th. Perhaps a celebration is due? Coffman interior walls, doorways and carpet are in the works. Gutter solutions especially for the Malone building are being pursued.

Fairgrounds Update:

New signage is being planned for the fairgrounds to assist with fire and emergency location. North, South, and numbers are planned. They will be white painted individual letters. Also a tenants directory sign is intended to replace the 4-H Whidbey Island sign. The 4-H sign may be kept for historical reference. Other existing signs will remain.

The campground is going online to take reservations and payment. No cash taken. WIFI will be provided by Comcast.

A new equestrian event is planned for July 5th called Race on the Rock (barrel racing). WWGA is not involved. They will check whether they need a Langley permit.

Langley Creative District is hoping to add some festivals and use the fairgrounds as a venue. A literary festival or artistic co-op are being considered.

General Discussion/Roundtable:

Virginia – discussion about a spring fair with an island wide garage sale as well as 4-H animals, Sarah said that Langley businesses would probably participate.

Nancy – has met with the Builders Association about a volunteer day to fix things like the reptile house, the old ticket booth, move the original fair sign, check out the gazabo, and build a fair tool closet.

Old Business: Meeting Minutes- Sarah motioned, Virginia 2nd, Minutes approved.

New Business: None.

Adjourned: 6:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.