

**MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
December 8, 2008**

Leah Green, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:32 PM.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Leah Green (Chair), Dave Schmidt, Cary Peterson,
Michael Cramer, Nancy Rowan
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Fred Evander, Kathleen Landel
Council Present: Rene Neff
Guests: None

MINUTES

Leah Green asked for approval of the November 10, 2008 and November 24, 2008 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

AGENDA REVIEW

Leah Green commented that the meeting would focus on a synthesis of what the Commission has accomplished so far and preparing for the Mid-Inventory Review to be presented at the December 15, 2008 city council meeting.

TOUR DEBRIEF & GENERAL PRINCIPLES - Discussion

The Commission members shared comments on the November 24, 2008 walking tour and reviewed the previous list of general principles from previous discussions. Additional general principles were identified. The tour comments and general principles will be added to the Compiled Tour Comments document.

PARKS & OPEN SPACE ELEMENT OUTLINE – Discussion

Fred Evander reviewed an outline of the proposed structure of the Parks & Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission members liked the proposed outline and there were no suggested changes.

MID-INVENTORY REVIEW PRESENTATION – Discussion

Fred Evander went over the proposed plan for the presentation to the city council and some of the PowerPoint slides. There Commission members liked the plan and there were no suggestion changes.

2009 PREPARATION & CALENDAR

Leah Green opened the discussion on sub-group work by asking members to reflect on what excited them so far in the work of the Commission and to share what they felt passionate about.

Green shared that she was interested in the integration between the land and water and creating connections between the land and people. David Schmidt shared that his interest is in plants, ecological issues and wetlands. Nancy Rowan shared her interest in the quality of Langley and enjoyed taking the walks. She is best with people and is interested in public involvement. Michael Cramer shared that he is focused on forest stewardship, identification of trees and likes the idea of a "central park". Cary Peterson shared that she is action oriented and likes to get engaged in actually doing something to protect the land, community activities and work parties.

There was discussion on "how are things going?" Members commented:

- Step 1 was fun, getting oriented and inventorying, next steps will be harder
- Getting a physical grasp helpful, very educational, it has been good to condense the tours
- Different to be an informed citizen, going from ordinary to informed
- Being action oriented, it is good to hear that staff feels that the pace is where it needs to be

Kathleen Landel reviewed the Work Plan Overview and discussed that in the first part of 2009 there will be specific tasks for the Technical Subgroup and the Public Participation Subgroup.

Commission decided to meet in 2009 once a month on the second Monday from 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Additional monthly meetings will be scheduled for sub-group work as needed.

The first meeting is January 12, 2009 and will be extended from 2:30 – 5:00 pm. The final walking tour will be first on the agenda and the educational presentation by Evander will follow back at the council chambers.

Evander asked that members read pages 37-56 of the parks planning guide in preparation for the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM. The next regular Parks & Open Space Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2009 at 2:30 PM. Minutes were taken by Kathleen Landel.