

CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON,
Amending Langley Municipal Code Chapter 2.57 regarding Parks and Open
Space; and providing for Severability.**

WHEREAS, the City Council, finds the proposed amendment is in the best interests of the City and the public;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY
WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN** as follows:

Section 1. Langley Municipal Code Chapter 2.57 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 2.57

Parks and Recreation Board Open Space Commission

Sections:

- 2.57.010 ~~Parks And Recreation Board~~ Created.**
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Section 2.57.010 Parks And Recreation Board.

The City of Langley hereby creates a parks and open space commission. Pursuant to RCW 35A.11.020 and RCW 35A.67.010, of the Optional Municipal Code, The City of Langley hereby creates the “Parks and Recreation Board,” (hereinafter “the Board”) consisting of five (5) members, who shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The initial membership of the Board shall consist of the Ad Hoc Park Committee which preexists the adoption date of this ordinance. No member shall receive any compensation.
(Ord. 742, 1997)

Section 2.57.020 Purpose.

The Board Parks and Open Space Commission shall advise and make recommendations regarding the City park and open space needs within the City, to the Mayor and City Council regarding the development and improvement of parks, the acquisition and placement of parks, landscaping, public art, trails and other recreational facilities for the use and benefit of the public. The Board shall also make recommendations concerning the formulation of policy and implementation of plans and programs related to the City Park System, including planning which focuses on citizen participation, particularly with regard to the City’s young and elderly citizens. The commission shall work to enhance the health and well-being of residents, businesses and visitors through the City’s responsible, innovative and cost effective conservation and

stewardship of land and water resources including active use parks, passive enjoyment areas, and natural places.
(Ord. 742, 1997)

Section 2.57.030 ~~Member Terms~~ Duties and Responsibilities.

A. The commission shall be advisory to the City Council and

B. The commission shall have the following goals:

- (1) To develop a comprehensive park and open space plan;
- (2) To articulate tools and strategies for the conservation and stewardship of land and/or facilities;
- (3) To advise the development, design and use of park, playfield, open space and trail facilities;
- (4) To propose interlocal agreements and lease agreements to the City Council regarding park, open space and trail activities;
- (5) To propose and implement regulations governing the hours and fees for park and open space use;
- (6) To identify park and open space funding priorities as part of the annual budget and citywide capital improvement planning process; and
- (7) To perform other matters referred to the parks and open space commission by the City Council or the Mayor.

~~All members shall serve for a period of four (4) years; provided however that those members presently serving shall serve out the remainder of their un-expired terms. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the un-expired term. An individual appointed to fill an un-expired term shall be appointed only for the remainder of that term. Members of the Board may be removed at any time by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council.~~

(Ord. 742, 1997)

Section 2.57.040 ~~Meetings~~ Members.

A. Number of Members. The commission shall consist of five (5) voting members.

B. Residency. Three (3) members of the parks and open space commission must reside within the City of Langley. One (1) member may live within the unincorporated Urban Growth Area (UGA), as defined by the most current adopted Comprehensive Plan map.

C. Qualifications. At least two (2) members of the commission must have specialized skills related to parks development, including areas such as recreation planning, land or parks development, or landscape architecture. The remaining three (3) members on the commission do not require specialized skills related to parks and open space, but must demonstrate an interest the City of Langley's parks and open space efforts. ~~The Board shall meet regularly on at least a monthly basis and shall adopt and publish rules which govern their meeting activity. Special meetings may be held as often as the Board deems necessary. Notice of special meetings must be provided in accord with the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act.~~

(Ord. 742, 1997)

Section 2.57.050 ~~Officers~~ Meetings.

Meeting Schedule. The commission shall meet regularly on at least a monthly basis and shall adopt and publish policies regarding the time, place, and frequency of meetings. If there is no business to conduct a meeting cancellation notice shall be posted in the same manner as all meeting notices. Special meetings may be held as often as the commission deems necessary. Notice of special meetings must be provided in accord with the Washington State Open Public Meetings Act.

~~At the first meeting of each year, the Board shall elect from the members of the Board a chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and such other officers as may be necessary and as Board rules allow. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board. If the chairperson is absent then the vice chair shall preside. The secretary shall keep the minutes, sign the minutes and draft various Board correspondence. For purposes of conducting the Board's business, a quorum shall consist of three (3) or more members. Any action taken when a quorum is present shall be deemed and taken as the action and decision of the Board.~~

~~(Ord. 742, 1997)~~

Section 2.57.060 Powers, Authority and Duties of the Board.

~~The Board shall be responsible to the City Council for its duties and actions but shall not exercise any administrative or supervisory powers not explicitly granted to the Board by the Council. The duties of the Board shall include, but not be limited to the following:~~

~~— a. To give advisory recommendations to the City Council on all designs, regulations, resolutions, plans, policies, projects, and proposals relating to the City Park System, recreational facilities or open space.~~

~~— b. To consult with and give advisory recommendations to the Public Works Director regarding standards, policies and programs for the maintenance and use of all the City's park and recreational facilities.~~

~~— c. To give advisory recommendations to the city "SEPA" official on all plans, policies and development relating to the City Park System.~~

~~— d. To promote public use and awareness of the City's park facilities and services.~~

~~— e. To hold public hearings from time to time to solicit public input for the City's park and open space planning process.~~

~~— f. To apprise the Mayor and City Council of the community's park and recreational needs.~~

~~— g. To periodically prepare and update the City's Comprehensive Park and Open Space Plan in conjunction with the Public Works department for review and final approval by the City Council.~~

~~— h. To cooperate with the City's Public Works department in resolving any complaints that arise regarding the park system.~~

~~— i. To encourage individuals and community groups to give funds, manpower and property for the improvement and development of City parks and recreational facilities.~~

~~— j. Perform such other services and studies as may be requested by the City Council.~~

~~— k. Develop recommendations for the Park Department Budget to the Public Works Director.~~

~~— l. To coordinate and manage the park and recreational facility design process in conjunction with design professionals of the Board's choosing and to recommend names or a naming process for the parks and facilities in the system.~~

~~— m. To prepare plans for use of the City Park System for special events, like Choochokam, that impact the neighborhood with noise and traffic.~~

~~(Ord. 742, 1997)~~

Section 2.57.070 Parks And Recreation Budget.

~~The Public Works Director shall prepare a draft budget for review by the Board. The draft budget shall be reviewed to establish whether it conforms to the Parks Comprehensive Plan, various bequests or donations of property to the City and the maintenance and operations needs of the City Park System. The budget may also include recommendations for the acquisition of land, structures and facilities needed for the efficient administration, construction and development of the public park and recreation system.~~

~~(Ord. 742, 1997)~~

Section 2.57.080 Annual Report To The City Council.

~~The Board shall make a full report in writing to the City Council on or before the Council's first meeting in June of each year. The report shall advise the Council of its park related transactions and expenditures for the previous year and any other general recommendations and reports that relate to the prescribed duties and responsibilities of the Board.~~

(Ord. 742, 1997)

~~Section 2.57.090 Donations.~~

~~All persons who desire to make gifts of money, personal property or real estate for the benefit of said park and recreation system shall have the right to vest title thereto in the City, to be held and controlled when accepted according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise or bequest.~~

(Ord. 742, 1997)

~~Section 2.57.100 Amendments To Chapter.~~

~~This ordinance and code chapter may only be amended upon a 2/3rd's majority vote of the City Council.~~

(Ord. 742, 1997)

Section 2. Severability. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after publication and posting of an approved summary thereof, consisting of the title.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON,
and approved by the Mayor at a regular meeting held this ____ day of _____, 2008.

PAUL O. SAMUELSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

DEBBIE L. MAHLER, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

GRANT K. WEED, City Attorney

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