

**MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
July 15, 2008**

Chair Bob Dalton opened the meeting at 6:31 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Bob Dalton, Cathy Waymire-Rooks, Rick Brown and Robin Adams

Members Absent: Paul Sarkis, Ron Kasprisin (alternate)

Staff Present: Fred Evander, Larry Cort, Paul Samuelson, Mary Jo McArdle

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rick Brown moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2008 meeting. Bob Dalton seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

AUDIENCE INPUT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

There was no audience input on non-agenda items.

ACTION ITEMS

DRB 2008/20, Langley Garden Bungalows

New Refuse Enclosure, Mailbox and Sign – 601 Arbor Crest Lane

Christina Drake presented the proposal for a new refuse enclosure, mailbox and sign for the Langley Garden Bungalows. The Board reviewed each of these items independently. Robin Adams moved to approve the mailbox and sign as presented. Cathy Waymire-Rooks seconded. The mailbox and the attached sign were approved unanimously.

The Design Review Board considered the size and location of the trash enclosure. The Board said that the enclosure should provide space for recycle bins and include a smaller gate that would allow easy user access. The Board questioned the landscaping around the enclosure and requested an updated landscape plan for the site. Rick Brown moved to hold off on a decision on the enclosure until an updated landscaping plan had been provided. The Board agreed with Rick and said that a current landscaping plan would be beneficial.

DRB 2008/21, Whidbey Island Center for the Arts –

Building Expansion, 565 Camano Avenue

Jennifer Reilly of Place Architects and Jonathan Morley of the Berger Partnership presented the proposed design for the Whidbey Island Center for the Arts Expansion. Paul Schell, representing the applicants, said that the proposal was seeking approval for the building design, materials and color. Paul explained that the applicant would return at a later date to seek approval of the signage, landscaping and site lighting. Rick Brown moved to approve the proposal. Robin Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DRB 2008/22, City of Langley City Hall –

Landscaping and Site Enhancements, 112 2nd St

Kay Lagerquist updated the Board about the ongoing enhancement efforts at Langley City Hall. Her update included a request for the Board to reconsider project changes passed at the July 17, 2008 Design Review Board meeting. Kay requested that the Board approve wood brackets for

the planter boxes rather than metal brackets approved and allow the birdbath base to remain recycled wood. Kay also requested new items on the site including: the addition of a wooden rain barrel along the west side of the building; arbors on the west property line in the front of the building; and a wooden glider swing and planter boxes placed in the covered area behind City Hall. Cathy Waymire-Rooks moved to approve the requested changes and the new enhancement features as proposed. Robin Adams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Historic Preservation Commission

Bob Waterman and Larry Cort provided the Board with a broad overview of the Historic Preservation Commission including its function, goals and benefits. Paul explained that the City sought to encourage interconnectedness between all the Boards/Commissions. Several Board members voiced a desire for better design standards and clearer decision criteria that could be shared between the Historic Preservation Commission and the Design Review Board. Robin Adams said that a list of the potential registry structures/sites would be helpful to have available. Both Bob and Larry responded to additional questions and comments made by Board members.

Langley's Enforcement Policy Development

Mayor Paul Samuelson addressed the City of Langley's enforcement and acknowledged that the issue was a system-wide problem. Larry Cort explained that the staff was committed to developing a start to finish system of checks and balances to administer future infractions. Larry explained that the process would include items such as documentation of land use actions, monitoring, and the use of set criteria to determine when field changes can or cannot be made without submittal of additional information. Larry stated that he recognized this was an important issue and that there were some big problems occurring in the field. Board members had several comments about the enforcement issue for the staff.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Mary Jo McArdle compiled the minutes for the meeting. The next regular meeting will occur August 19, 2008 (6:30 pm) at Langley City Hall.