

**CITY OF LANGLEY
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Langley City Hall
October 12, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bob Waterman called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Bob Waterman, Linda Beeman, Brena Rose Gustafson, Marty Fernandez, David Rogan-Levine
Members Absent: Jerry Finrow
Staff Present: Larry Cort, Fred Evander
Guest Present: Councilmember Robert Gilman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Linda Beeman moved and David Rogan-Levine seconded to approve the August 10, 2010 minutes. MPU.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Mimi Sheridan Grant Contract.** Larry Cort provided an update to the grant contract with Mimi Sheridan. The scope of work has been completed to the satisfaction of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, which means that the 60-property survey and inventory has been entered into the state database, the draft Register nomination for the Middle School site has been completed and the public meetings were held. Bob Waterman reported that he and Mimi Sheridan will meet on Friday to discuss additional information on several properties.
2. **Plaques.** Marty Fernandez reported on the prototype plaque prepared for the Wylie Birthing House. Based on the need for visibility and a common font, it was recommended that the Commission consider another design approach, perhaps vinyl lettering on painted wood. Marty will follow up on possible alternatives.
3. **Special Valuation Public Information.** Staff reported no progress on preparing the explanatory information and application packet for special valuation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Middle School Nomination.** Larry Cort distributed copies of the draft Middle School Langley Register nomination as prepared by Mimi Sheridan. Bob Waterman asked the Commission to review the document and reported that he would be meeting with the School Board on October 26. Key questions to be considered by the Commission and School Board include the following: (1) should the nomination include the entire site or just certain buildings (such as the original high school and classroom); (2) should any parts of the interior be included in the nomination; and (3) what opportunities exist for making the Middle School a test case for stewardship of historic resources. Larry Cort suggested that a smaller site nomination could include the two older buildings plus the open space between those buildings and Camano Avenue.
2. **Conservation District Code Amendment.** It was agreed that the Commission would review a draft of the public policy initiative form for possible submittal to the City Council.

3. **New Members.** With the resignations of Cathy Blackburn and Jerry Finrow, there are now two vacancies on the Commission. Recruitment is underway.
4. **Geographic Information System (GIS).** Community Planner Fred Evander and Councilmember Robert Gilman explained the open source GIS that the City is using for mapping and spatial analysis. Fred discussed the possibility of collaborating on a historic preservation application with local businessman Aaron Racicot, who operates a GIS-based business out of the Langley Center for New Media. Marty Fernandez and David Rogan-Levine offered to meet with Fred and Aaron.

ADJOURN

Marty Fernandez moved and Linda Beeman seconded to adjourn the meeting. MPU. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m. The next regular Commission meeting will be held on November 9, 2010.

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