

## CITY OF LANGLEY

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

(Corrected)

May 1, 2008

Chair Bob Waterman called the meeting to order at 9:35 am

**Members present:** Bob Waterman, Linda Beeman, Jerry Finrow, Herb Helsel, Marty Fernandez

**Members absent:** Fran Abel, Harrison Goodall

**Staff/Guests present:** Larry Cort, Director of Community Planning  
Mary Jo McArdle, Minutes taker

**Minutes:** Beeman moved, seconded by Fernandez, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2008 as written. Motion passed unanimously.

**State Historic Preservation Plan Listening Session:** Chair Waterman asked the Board if there was anyone interested in attending this meeting regarding the challenges facing historical preservation in small towns and communities. Fernandez expressed some interest.

### **Pictorial History of Langley**

Chair Waterman presented a Power Point slide show of Langley's history with emphasis on the First St. development.

Upon completion of the slide show, Waterman initiated discussion on what are the Board's next steps.

- ✓ Writing short biographies of several of the older buildings
- ✓ Collaborate with other historical preservation groups
- ✓ Obtain colored copy of the 1929 Sanborn map (originally created for fire protection/insurance)
- ✓ Take necessary steps to obtain certified local government status
- ✓ Investigate application opportunities for Historical Register criteria

Waterman volunteered to research obtaining a 1929 map  
Fernandez volunteered to research the Heron Bldg  
Waterman volunteered to research the Star Store  
Beeman volunteered to research the Pizza Parlor  
Helsel volunteered to research his building

Finrow suggested the Board develop a format for their research projects that is consistent, and limits the number of pages and photos.

Goals discussed for biographies - to develop community interest in historic preservation by publishing biographies in the local paper and the possible creation of a virtual museum of the town

## **New Business**

- Beeman broached the stabilization of the waterfront bank along First St. with regards to historical preservation of the buildings along the north side of the street
- Options discussed for First St. (northside) buildings included: creation of a park, take the existing buildings down, build new buildings down over the bank while maintaining the existing Seawall Park (further discussion is required regarding the scope of replacement buildings and appropriate uses), Board acknowledged it is unknown at this time where historic preservation fits in
- Stability of the slope was discussed briefly raising questions about any existing soil and hydrological studies, and the status of the Brookhaven creek outfall; the key controlling factor is anything done along the shoreline will be the State's Shoreline Management Act and Langley's Shoreline Master Plan. Jerry volunteered to review Langley's policies; Waterman stated Larry Cort probably would be a good resource for this information.
- Beeman suggested doing a walk-about through town along First, Second and Anthes Streets to get a feel for what the Board's looking at.
- What to do about the Marina

## **Closing**

Waterman expressed interest in someone else leading next meeting

Next meeting May 8, 2008 9:30 am.

Everyone agreed the slide show was FANTASTIC!

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 am