

**CITY OF LANGLEY**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 5, 2008**

Chair Bob Waterman called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

**Members present:** Bob Waterman, Linda Beeman, Herb Helsel, Fran Abel, Harrison Goodall, Jerry Finrow, Marty Fernandez

**Members absent:** None

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

**Minutes:** Linda Beeman moved, seconded by Jerry Finrow, to approve the minutes from 5-22-08 and 5-29-08 as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

**Continued discussion on the Top Tier items**

CLG Application Update:

Larry Cort told the Commission that the CLG application will be mailed today and that action on the application is expected in July.

Building Biographies Update:

- Bob Waterman gave a photo of the old City Hall to Fran Abel.
- Marty Fernandez got inside the Living Green building and will be going inside again. It appears the building has been added to substantially.
- Herb Helsel has a new contact name that he'll be attempting to get in touch with.
- Linda Beeman passed out copies to the Board of the chain of title for the Pizzeria.

Bob Waterman said that the Commission should think about the audience when determining the final format for the biographies. Biographies should be easy to read. Marty Fernandez suggested that a common cover page might serve to introduce each biography. Linda Beeman said that the stories are what make the biographies interesting and grab peoples' attention.

Linda Beeman stated that the biographies should be copyrighted.

Linda also suggested that when ever there are legal documents associated with the biographies, that they be attached (electronically) to the biography. Bob Waterman asked Larry Cort about the standard State inventory form and electronic submittal. Larry stated that he had a copy of the official format to use and that the form is also available online. Jerry Finrow said that the Commission should consider using the Register's format as a start to Langley's biography format and to add to it. He suggested that everyone develop a form and bring it to the next meeting.

Bob Waterman asked the Commission to date any photographs that they use in their biographies.

Fran Abel added that she would like members to include their name and date on their biography handouts. She added that photos are what capture her attention and maps are less meaningful to folks. Marty Fernandez suggested considering creating a template with maps and photo overlays.

### Criteria and Standards for Historic Register:

Harrison Goodall led a brief discussion on his handout on “How to Define Integrity”

Harrison Goodall acknowledged that reviewing changes to the ‘character’ of Langley is the responsibility of the Design Review Board rather than the Historical Preservation Committee. Larry Cort added that the Planning Advisory Board (PAB), the Design Review Board (DRB) and the Historic Preservation Commission should be encouraged to participate in the Design Review Standards update and incorporating a historical review process into the design review process where now there is a gap.

Jerry Finrow added that the Design Review Standards amendments should ensure preservation of the historic character of buildings in for review by the DRB.

Harrison Goodall went through the first part of his handout of a Draft for Langley Historic Preservation.

- Jerry Finrow asked who is our audience when asking “why is Langley so special?” Harrison stated that this question should be the basis for developing our own guidelines, making it understandable and readable to the general public. Jerry added that this is our “core”.
- Why preserve it? Harrison suggested we start the discussion like a sales campaign and include such things as the economic value, the sense of history – preserving our past and sustainability.

### **Closing**

Jerry Finrow and Larry Cort both had to leave for other commitments so the discussion on Harrison’s Draft, stopped on page 3 at the end of the “Incentives for Being Listed on Langley Register of Historic Places”.

Harrison Goodall provided the names of the cities he used to compile his handout. The City’s include: Cheney, WA; Eugene, Oregon; Friday Harbor, WA; Coupeville, WA; Anderson, Indiana; Wenatchee, WA; and the State Historic Preservation Office in Olympia, WA in addition to Langley’s own ordinance.

Special Thanks went out to:

Fran Abel for providing coffee and muffins,  
Larry Cort for filing Langley’s application  
Harrison Goodall for his work on the Draft for Langley’s Historical Preservation

Bob Waterman asked for a motion to adjourn at 11:30 am. Marty Fernandez moved to adjourn, Herbert Hesel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2008 at 9:30 am in City Hall.