

MINUTES - LANGLEY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

June 14, 2011

Langley City Hall

Present: David Rogan- Levine, Marty Fernandez, Linda Beeman, Bob Waterman.

Absent: Niki Barr, Brena Gustafson, Aaron Coates.

Chair Bob Waterman called the meeting to order at 3:10pm.

Bob asked if there were corrections to the May 10, 2011 minutes. David pointed out that he could not have seconded the motion to adjourn since was absent. Linda recalled that she had seconded the motion. **There being no further additions or corrections, Linda moved to accept the minutes as corrected. David seconded the motion and the minutes were adopted unanimously.**

OLD BUSINESS.

Plaques. The need for a decision to finalize a plaque design was discussed. Brena had volunteered to contact the Canon Beach, WA historic Society and obtain details for the metal signs used there, but in her absence, the topic was postponed until the July meeting.

Historic Preservation Month Activities Update:

Bob summarized the historic preservation month activities. He thanked Linda Beeman for producing the displays at the Langley Library, and for the four articles about buildings that appeared in the South Whidbey Record. Bob reported that he had been able to place historic photos in the windows of several merchants, but apologized for not having them ready by May first. He and Marty will remove them in the near future and return the framed photos to City Hall. Bob also reported that approximately 55 people attended his talk on the history of Langley's First Street titled "Who's on First" on May 17 at the Music for the Eyes store.

Linda reported that the \$100 earmarked for the HPC from the South Whidbey Historical Society that the HPC voted to reimburse her for costs incurred in mounting the library exhibits was no longer required and could be used by the HPC for other purposes.

Other potential sources of revenue for the HPC, including a booth during Choochokam, were discussed. Bob will check with Debbie Mahler regarding possible legal issues.

History Walk/Electronic Media. Several possible projects were discussed:

- 1). A "Talking Tour": A sign asking people to call a telephone number to receive a short recorded summary of the history of the structure would be placed in the window of selected historic structures. Bob will contact Gerge Henney of Whidbey Telecom to arrange a meeting with David to discuss the possibility of having a voice mail account set up.

2). A fold-out paper tour map similar to the “Z-Cards” produced for the Trustlands and South Community Park trails.

3). Electronic “itour” for use on electronic devices. This would have a map with points to click to view photo(s), text and possibly video of selected sites. Marty will meet with Aaron Racicot to set up a meeting with himself and David to explore requirements and software possibilities.

4). A series of maps showing the growth of the city over time.

5). Produce a set of “then and now” photographs that could be used for a variety of purposes; including in electronic format with a “slider” a la those produced for scenes of the devastation caused by the Japanese tsunami and the Joplin tornado.

Special Tax Valuation. After a brief discussion, the Commission decided to proceed with placing information about the Special Tax Valuation program on the City’s web site.

Conservation District Proposal. Bob reported that City Planner, Larry Kwarsick, presented the staff’s response to the City Council at their last meeting. The staff felt that the best option to pursue was to maintain the status quo option and have the Design Review Board develop new, more specific, guidelines. Bob expressed the hope that the HPC might be involved in this undertaking in conjunction with the DRB. Bob will follow up with Jeff Arango.

Certificate of Appropriateness Form. No report.

NEW BUSINESS.

Potential Historic Site Nominees. Bob reported that he and Nikki had met with Ben Breedlove. He was very receptive of having his house nominated for the Register of Historic Places. Niki will follow up upon her return.

Bob expressed his desire to see the Pole Building nomination prepared by Mimi Sheridan move forward as soon as possible. He will contact Brena who volunteered to contact the County Commissioners.

Bob reported he had a conversation with David Gignac regarding the Adam Voelker house. David indicated that he would like to see the house nominated in the future.

There being no further business, Linda moved to adjourn. David seconded the motion, and members unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Waterman

The next scheduled meeting of LHPC will take place on Tuesday, July 12, 2011.