

**MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
January 10, 2011**

Chair Nancy Rowan opened the meeting at 3:14 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Nancy Rowan, Tucker Stevens, Cathy Rooks, Cary Peterson,
Gail Fleming

Staff Present: Fred Evander, Kathleen Landel

MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the December 13, 2010 meeting.

DEBRIEF MIDDLE LANGLEY TRAIL PROJECT

The Commission discussed the presentation made at the December meeting by Robin Clark of Whidbey Watershed Stewards. Fred Evander summarized the specifics Robin shared in her presentation and the commission's discussion.

Cary Peterson said that she had spoken to Robin recently about the project. Robin told Cary that a wetlands expert had volunteered to provide a wetlands delineation that would allow us to identify the wetland boundary, locate the best place for a trail and identify any possible mitigation that would be required by building a trail. He noted that mitigation actions could include getting rid of weeds and closing informal trails impacting other portions of the wetland.

The question was raised whether a trail under the power line is out. Fred commented that the power line area is wetter than other places on the property. Kathleen Landel added that it will be an iterative process, where options can be assessed and considered as more information is gathered and we increase our knowledge of the property.

Cary agreed to confirm with Robin that the wetlands expert would provide their services pro bono and what the timing would be for working on the project. Other commissioners requested asking if others could come along when they are out in the field.

Marianne Edain asked what the land ownership would be of the proposed trail. Fred answered that the proposed trail would include City, school district and private property and a power line trail would be City and private property.

2011 WORK PLAN

The Commission identified tasks and commission responsibilities for the Priority Projects and Tasks to incorporate into a work plan for review at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER & STAFF COMMENTS

The question was raised whether there could be walking access through the Fairgrounds from Fairgrounds Road. It was noted that the City would need to work on this with the Island County Fair Board.

Fred Evander mentioned that he will be taking council member Fran Abel on a tour overview of the parks on January 12th at 10 AM and invited others to join them.

Kathleen Landel announced that the Whidbey Island Garden Tour has awarded the City a \$375 grant for to build a worm bin at the Langley community garden at the Anderson Farm.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm, where members convened for an appreciation of Fred Evander who is leaving his job for a new position in Thurston County.

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Open Space Commission will occur Monday, February 14, 2011 at 3:00 pm. Kathleen Landel recorded the minutes for the meeting.