

**MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
June 8th, 2011**

Chair Nancy Rowan opened the meeting at 3:10 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Nancy Rowan, Cathy Rooks, Gail Fleming, John Lawson, Tucker Stevens
Members Absent: None
Staff Present: Challis Stringer

MINUTES

The Commission approved the minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting as amended, to remove Challis Stringer as staff present.

WORK PLAN UPDATES

Generation Park Improvements

Tucker Stevens reported that they were now at the 350th level for wood chips for Generation Park. Every time he puts it on Drew's list he gets a few more dollars. There was talk of changing his level to visually show that they were over halfway to the goal of \$600. Once we reach the 500 level we will finalize plans to install.

Viewing Siting Areas

Cathy Rooks said that she had developed a design and would give to Challis Stringer to fill out and submit the formal paperwork for the June Design Review Board meeting.

Funding Brochure – logo design

Gail Fleming and Nancy Rowan will be meeting with Alex from the high school tomorrow at 8am to finalize the logo. Nancy Rowan explained it was a northwest type theme. Once they finalize it, they will then come back to the commissioners with it. They will have something to show the rest of the commissioners at the next meeting in July.

Middle Langley Project

Challis Stringer explained that Kevin Lungren from the South Whidbey School District and Robin Clark from Whidbey Watershed Stewards were still trying to find a time to meet with her and Jeff Arango at the site. Gail Fleming and John Lawson would like to be at the site meeting. Challis Stringer will let them know what the date is as soon as it is set up.

May Work Party

Cathy Rooks reported that the May Work party accomplished replanting the pots on 1st Street. She and Kay Lagerquist came back and finished City Hall on subsequent days. Cathy would like to schedule another work party for the 2nd Street planters, Anthes planters, and the Camano planters. She thought it could be during a weekday from 4pm to 7pm and people can drop in for any amount of time. The Commission thought

this would be a great idea especially with Choochokum approaching. It was decided to have them on Tuesday June 14th, June 28th and July 5th. Cathy will put it in Drew's list; Nancy Rowan will put it in the Record calendar and see if Brian can do a story on it. Challis Stringer will ask Annette Andrews-Lux if she can put it onto the website.

Shoreline Master Program

John Lawson has nothing to report.

Cascade Walkway Project

Challis Stringer presented to the commission the map that Fred Evander created for the pocket parks along Cascade. All agreed that this could be taken to Design Review Board for their approval. Challis will submit the application for the July meeting.

LOS Assessment Tool

Kathleen Landel was absent, no report.

Fall Work Party

Cathy Rooks and Nancy Rowan thought we should plan for this work party after the mid-week work parties were completed.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commission would like to discuss the Welcome to Langley signs at the next meeting. Tucker Stevens will also bring pictures of where signs exist but need to be changed/replaced, and where signs do not exist but are needed.

John Lawson has gotten many citizen questions on the bluff trimming and wanted to know from staff the details of when it will happen. Challis Stringer explained that she was waiting for the general fund balance to not be negative, and this was likely to happen in the next month or two as property taxes came in. The cost will be \$10,000, and she did not want to spend money until the general fund was in the green. In addition, she will need to get a new Critical Areas Permit as the previous one expired earlier this year. She stated that the work should begin in the next couple of months. Challis Stringer also reported that all of the bluff along Cascade Avenue and First Street would not be trimmed, only City property. There are a few properties that go all the way up the bluff from Wharf Street and those areas would not be trimmed.

The commission would like for Jeff Arango to attend the next meeting as they have not met him yet.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

The meetings have changed to the second Wednesday of each month at 3:00 PM. The next regular meeting of the Parks and Open Space Commission will occur **Wednesday July 13th, 2011 at 3:00 pm**. Challis Stringer recorded the minutes for the meeting.