

**MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
January 11, 2012**

Standing in for Chair Nancy Rowan, John Lawson opened the meeting at 3:07 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Gail Fleming, John Lawson, Tucker Stevens, Cathy Rooks
Members Absent: Nancy Rowan
Staff Present: Challis Stringer, Jeff Arango, Larry Kwarsick

MINUTES

The commission approved the minutes of the December 14, 2011.

2012 WORK PLAN

The commission discussed the draft 2012 work plan with Mayor Larry Kwarsick and the Director of Community Planning, Jeff Arango.

The mayor outlined some things the city is working on currently which includes: applying for a Conservation Futures Grant for the purchase of the three parcels along Noble creek, where the proposed Noble Creek Trail would be; a survey of seawall park to see what the city owns; the city would like to focus on getting the funicular for access to and from the bottom of Wharf Street; a presentation will be done at the council meeting on the 17th of January for a possible water play park located at the old fire hall; there are some tidelands that the county owns that would like the city to purchase, however they don't provide access along the whole frontage of Langley with no connection point from the tideland to shore.

Jeff Arango added to the discussion on what he is working on for the Cascade Walkway Pocket parks. He is currently working on a draft plan for a Cascade View Park which includes shifting the vehicular traffic lanes to the west and opening up more space to be available for a park, while at the same time keeping parking along the east side to allow for pick up and drop off to the proposed funicular and parking.

Tucker Stevens updated the commission on the donation sculpture and the logo design. Gene Koffkin is waiting for the logo design to be finished, and Chad Felgar is waiting for the final design before they can begin making the donation sculpture.

Challis Stringer gave an update to the entrance signs. She met with the contractors at the three sites on January 3rd, and received permission from Martha Rose at Island Transit to use the existing concrete pad for the location on Camano Avenue. She stated that she expects once they begin construction, the signs will not take long to construct.

Gail Fleming asked about the Middle Langley Project Development and if the work that had been done was in preparation for the project. Jeff let the commissioners know that the work was not in relation to the Middle Langley project, but was in relation to the football field drainage issues.

John Lawson gave an update on the Shoreline Master Program Update. He believes the advisory committee is nearing the end of its work. He feels they have come up with some good ideas regarding the shoreline and the possibilities in creating more accessibility along it.

The commission decided it would take Middle Langley Project Development off of the 2012 Work Plan and replace it with the Noble Creek Trail as it would like its work to coincide with what the city staff was working on. Challis will contact the school district and Whidbey Watersheds and let them know the project will be on hold until possibly next year.

The commission also questioned the staff on what additional items they should be focusing on. Larry explained that he would like to see the commissioners working on future acquisitions with Conservation Futures. He would like to see the city submit an application each year. In addition, he believes the commission, with the survey of Seawall Park, can begin to look at how it can be used in the future.

Larry explained to the commissioners that he is in favor of the parks and open space in Langley and would like to see more of it. He explained that he would budget for the parks in the future, and would budget for the park and trail signs once the commission had the logo.

The commission will work on the finalizing the draft 2012 Work Plan at the next regularly schedule meeting when Nancy Rowan is present, and Challis has made the changes to the draft that were discussed.

LOS ASSESSMENT

The commission decided to not present the LOS Assessment to the council and chose to prepare the next LOS Assessment in August of this year and make a presentation to council in October before the budget process was started.

FUNDRAISING PLAN

The commission moved this discussion to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

PARKS WISH LIST

The commission will review the wish list at the next meeting after Challis has gone through and made changes to list from what was discussed for the 2012 Work Plan and take off items that have been completed or are no longer feasible.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Tucker asked about the Langley Community Club replacing the sign at Generation Park. It was discussed among the commissioners and it will be the first park sign to be done once the logo is complete.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Open Space Commission will occur **February 8, 2012 at 3:00 pm**. Challis Stringer recorded the minutes for the meeting.