

**MINUTES
CITY OF LANGLEY
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
October 13, 2008**

The Parks and Open Space Commission convened the meeting at 2:30 at Langley City Hall.

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Leah Green, Cary Peterson, Michael Cramer, Nancy Rowan, David Schmidt
Others Present: Rhonda Salerno, Bruce Kortebein, Russell Sparkman
Staff Present: Fred Evander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Parks and Open Space Commission reviewed the minutes of the September 8 and September 29 meetings. Cary Peterson suggested a change to the September 29, 2008 minutes. Cary said that the minutes should state that "Cary Peterson said that the area underneath the corridor could be cleared to provide access to the line" rather than "should be cleared". The Commission approved the minutes with the suggested change.

The Commission approved the minutes of the September 8 meeting as written.

COMMISSION MEMBER REVIEW OF THE LAST MEETING

The Commission discussed the previous meeting. Nancy Rowan suggested that the trail through the City-owned property between the middle school and the Highlands could be moved so that it was not as close to the houses in Northview.

Dave Schmidt suggested that Generation Park could have some landscaping along the back fence.

Cary Peterson said that the DeBruyn right-of-way could have stairs to help form a walking loop. Nancy Rowan said that the DeBruyn right-of-way felt out of the way, like the road was private.

Commission members stated that they appreciated the beautiful and peaceful qualities of the cemetery. Fred Evander encouraged the Commission to think about how the Commission could preserve those qualities if development occurred near the site.

WALKING TOUR

The commission took a brief break and walked/ drove to Edgecliff Road and Camano Avenue. Once there, the commission walked from Camano Avenue down the road, noting items such as Noble Creek and the width of the right-of-way.

The commission met with Bruce Kortebein in front of his house East of Furman Avenue near the proposed development on Sandy Point Road. Bruce explained the history of the area, noted the wetland across the street and encouraged the commission to think about the possibility of buying the piece of land. The commission continued walking and noted the neighboring parcel and wetland that were for sale. Cary Peterson said that if the Commission acquired both parcels, they could create an area approximately ten acres in size.

APPROVED: 10.27.08

The commission continued walking down Edgecliff and stopped at a parcel north of the road with views of the Saratoga Passage. The commission noted the views north and east of the site. Bruce Kortebein said that the City could partner with the County to improve the area when the storm water outfall was updated.

The Commission cut across Rhonda Salerno's property to get to Sandy Point Road. The Commission walked west down Sandy Point Road and noted the upper portion of the Roth project, as well as the native growth protection easement within the Woodside subdivision. Cary Peterson questioned how the City could discourage the intrusion of scotch broom in the grassy portions of the Woodside native growth protection easement.

The Commission met with Russell Sparkman on the publically-owned land at the entrance to the Cedars. Several commission members said that they did not realize that the land was publically-owned. Fred Evander explained that the park was created and given to the City as part of the development of the Cedars subdivision. Fred also pointed out publically-owned open space in the center of the subdivision as well as some privately-owned open space owned and maintained by the Cedars Homeowners' Association. It was noted that there was a trail the used to connect the back of the Cedars to Welcome Road over private property that is now closed and would not be considered for being opened again.

The Commission continued walking down Sandy Point Road. The Commission noted the steep slope as well as the wetlands to the north and south of the road. The Commission walked through the Noble Creek forest and wetland north of Sandy Point Road. Cary Peterson explained some of the history of the area and said that conservation futures could be a good way to conserve the land.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:25. Fred Evander recorded the minutes for the meeting.