

**MINUTES  
CITY OF LANGLEY  
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION  
September 13, 2010**

The Parks and Open Space Commission called the meeting to order at 3:05.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Present: Cary Peterson, Gail Fleming, Cathy Waymire-Rooks, Tucker Stevens  
Members Absent: Nancy Rowan  
Staff Present: Fred Evander

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the June 14 and August 9, 2010 meetings. The Commission approved both the sets of minutes by consensus.

**POS FUNDS**

Cary Peterson said that it was important to specify the funding of a trail easement template as a priority of the Commission. Cary said that she would contact a lawyer to ask for a price quote to help the Commission support the inclusion of the item in the City's budget.

Fred Evander passed out a document called "The Three Responsibilities of the Parks and Open Space Commission?" and the Commission discussed the document. Fred said that the Commission had three major roles at this point: to define their needs and wants for parks, open space and trails; to promote those needs and wants and solicit support from individuals; and to support individuals that would like to address those items. Fred said that these roles were reflected in the Commission's work plan.

Cary Peterson said that it was important for the Commission to have their own budget so they could raise money and put the money toward certain projects. Gail Fleming said that the need for a separate budget was why the City had created two funds related to Parks and Open Space. Fred said that when people gave funds to the Parks and Open Space Commission, the money would presumably go into the Park and Open Space funds, and the spending of those funds would be based on a recommendation by the Commission. The Commission discussed the importance of making a streamlined donation process, ensuring the possibility of tax deductible donations and writing prompt thank you notes.

**PARK MANAGEMENT PLANS**

Fred Evander passed out a draft wishlist for parks and the Commission discussed the document. Fred said that the document identified some of the needs and wants of the Commission related to parks, but the document could be more specific and reference detailed plans. Fred Evander provided the example of the recent Generation Park work party and said that the work to install the new swingset would have benefited from the additional specificity. Fred said that, in the case of Generation Park, detailed plans would have likely recognized the need for wood chips to cushion the area under the swing. Tucker Stevens provided an update about the work party and said that there were a number of individuals and kids that enjoyed the park throughout the day.

Fred said that he would like to create a park planning group to add the further detail to the park wishlist. Fred asked if anyone would be interested in participating in the group. Cathy Waymire-Rooks and Tucker

Stevens said that they would be interested in participating. The Board encouraged Fred to also contact Nancy Rowan about her participation in the group.

### **TRAIL PROJECTS**

The Commission discussed their walk in the area around the City well during the August meeting. Gail Fleming asked if anyone had contacted Candace Jordan, and if anyone had contacted the Northview residents about dumping yard waste in the area. Fred said that he had prepared a draft letter to the Northview residents, but wanted to discuss the issue further with his colleagues. Fred also noted that he had not contacted Candice.

Fred reviewed the trail easement priorities discussed at the August meeting with the Board. Fred presented a map of the trail concept that he, Gail, and Kathleen Landel had developed and the Commission discussed the document.

### **ADDITIONAL COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Cary Peterson said that she had an invoice for the Community Garden for the Commission to recommend for payment. Gail Fleming moved to approve the invoice. Tucker Stevens seconded. The invoice was approved unanimously.

Gail Fleming passed out a document about the Bainbridge Island Open Space Commission. Gail said that the Open Space Commission had inspired the creation of the Langley Parks and Open Space Commission and she said that she hoped the group could inspire the Commission's efforts.

The Commission brainstormed ideas for parks in the City, particularly Mildred Anderson and Faye Bangston Park in the Highlands. The Commission played with the ideas of a native plant salvage area, a petting zoo, or a series of chicken tractors. Fred said that there was a lot of underutilized land that was owned by the City that could be put to creative use. Fred reiterated his initial three roles of the Commission and said that there would be a lot of support for creative ideas, so long as the Commission defined what they wanted.

### **ADJOURN**

The Parks and Open Space Commission meeting adjourned at 4:55. The meeting was held in the Langley City Hall Council Chambers. The next regular Parks and Open Space Commission meeting will occur October 11, 2010. Fred Evander recorded the minutes for the meeting.