

Langley Parks & Open Space Commission 12-8-2014 meeting minutes

present were: Gail Fleming, Nancy Rowan, Marianne Edain recording. Public Works director Stan Berryman was present for part of the meeting.

Gail asked Stan how agendas and minutes of POS could be posted, as they are for other boards. Stan said he would ask Cheryl.

Nancy said that for personal and business reasons she needs to resign, but recognizes that doing so would cripple if not kill POS. She sees a need for new energy.

Gail proposed that Nancy resign as chair to ease the load.

Stan proposed adding a Parks element to the Planning Advisory Board and merging with it.

Nancy said that would require a comprehensive plan and code amendment. She worried that Parks and Open Space would get short shrift among the many other duties of PAB. She sees that is currently the case and asks how we assure the relevance of our work.

Gail is of two minds on the issue. She sees that this is important work, judging from the Bainbridge model. She also sees that POS has dwindled in relevance. If POS were to incorporate into PAB, she wants to see how POS can maintain its agenda and gravitas.

There was a discussion of the proposed reduction of Langley's UGA, Island County's Countywide Planning Policies, and how such an action would affect logging and clearing in the affected area.

There was a short review of the 2014 work plan and the roles and responsibilities document.

Stan informed us that the plan to purchase the Noble Creek property is dead. The matter was discussed by the city council and they rejected spending any more money on it.

Stan said there was a discussion in council about POS asking for money in the budget. The conclusion was that budgeted funds do not go to boards but to departments, and that there is money in the Public Works/Parks budget for POS projects.

Stan reported that Byron and Dana Moffett have been contracted to maintain Langley Park.

Marianne brought up the idea of holding a public workshop with Dr Kate Wolf on the benefits of trees in the urban landscape. Stan asked to be kept informed of progress.

There was discussion of the Memorandum of Agreement among the various parks and recreation agencies concerning maintenance tasks. No action was taken.

Stan agreed to speak with Mayor Fred about POS going into a hiatus or merging into the PAB on a temporary basis.

Gail asked about the possibilities of a trail connecting the end of Edgecliff Road with Sandy Point.

The POS board agreed to meet again in January to decide next steps.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00.