

Langley POS meeting 9-12-18 minutes

present were: Gail Fleming, chair; Joann Quintana; Marianne Edain, recording; Stan Berryman, Public Works; Peter Morton, city council liaison; Guy Burneko & Trilby Coolidge, public

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm

2. Review and approve August 8, 2018 minutes. The minutes of the 8-8-18 meeting were read and approved as amended. Chair Gail agreed to make the amendments and to post them to Darlene.

3. Seawall Park Committee Report. Joann presented the Seawall Park committee report. That report was presented to the city council at its meeting of 8-20-18, at which council accepted the report. There was a public meeting to present the proposal on 9-5-18. Attendance was reported as "ok." There were displays and a slide show to present the various design elements. People felt the committee had done a good job of informing the community. This was reflected in a survey. Based on the survey and comments received at the public meeting, Sharon Emerson will compile and present a final report.

The primary issue of concern was that there was no plan for public restrooms. It was understood that this is an expensive undertaking, but people thought even a composting toilet would be better than nothing. It was suggested that designer Jay Davenny at least designate the location of a future restroom.

There was also a question about how the proposed new plantings were to be watered.

There was a proposal for commemorative benches along the path of the proposed promenade. The idea expressed was to move existing benches to a designated area, the commemorative circle, and to accept no more.

Stan raised the issue of the project budget, and said that one could expect anywhere from 15% to 25% of the cost to be for engineering. He then described what that would involve. A question was raised about the proposed "burning stump," to the effect that it is intended to be both art and a shelter, and how the engineers would deal with the art aspect of the structure.

Peter Morton offered to provide guidance concerning funding and potential private donors.

Chris Solomone is still exploring possible ADA access.

Mayor Tim has said that the subcommittee's work is now finished, it has been sanctioned by the council, and it is time for it to disband and POS to follow up with next steps. After a good deal of discussion it was decided that 1) the subcommittee needs to be thanked for its work. Joann agreed to write the thank you letter and Gail agreed to sign it and post via email to all subcommittee members, the mayor, Stan, POS members, and Peter Morton; 2) POS needs to follow up with Jay Davenny; 3) POS needs to coordinate with city staff to determine a budget and source of funding. 4) POS needs to coordinate with the Arts Council. Joann agreed to be the liaison for that coordination.

4. Trails Vision Plan. Joann reviewed the RCO trails grant materials and was excited by the possibilities. This led to major discussion, including the possibility of a Seawall Park loop trail. It was pointed out that Seawall Park needs to be included in the trails plan and map. As a loop, with water access, Seawall park has much to recommend it. The Trails Vision map is not yet included in the comp plan. It needs to be amended to include Seawall Park and then be proposed for addition to the comp plan.

The Edgecliff/Sandy Point connection was also discussed. Gail reported that the property is in new ownership and that the new owners attended a neighborhood potluck and are extremely community minded. These people want to learn the history of their new property. Gail will propose to the new owners that they donate a trail easement to the city to make that connection. Gail further reported that the steps on that property down the bluff to the beach have been restored.

Gail has edited the Trails Vision Plan and stated the priorities. Priority #1 is an outer, larger loop around the city, a part of which would be a connection between Coles Road and 6th Street. Guy reported that he and Shanti had explored that area and found ways to reach Upper Langley. This led to further discussion and a proposal for a meeting with intervening property owners. A major landowner there is Debra Waterman. Stan was asked to identify owners of potential trail corridor parcels.

5. RCO Trails Application. It was pointed out that any RCO trails grant application would be due 11-1-18. Marianne agreed to do pre-application research.

6. Other Items Not on the Agenda. There were no other items to be discussed.

7. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm