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City of Langley
PARKS & OPEN SPACE COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 10, 2019
LANGLEY CITY HALL
112 2nd Street, Langley WA

ATTENDANCE

Board: Gail Fleming, chair; Marianne Edain, Joann Quintana

Regrets: Shanti Loustanou

Staff: Jill Needham, Planning Assistant; Stan Berryman, Director of Public Works

Council: Peter Morton

Public: Trilby Coolidge

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 pm

2. Approve agenda

The agenda was approved.

3. Approve minutes of

The minutes of June 12 were approved.

4. Discussion Items:

a. Outerloop Trail Update

Jill reports there has been no further discussion with Mr. Simon. Jill has solicited rough estimates to survey the ~16 acre parcel, but has not received a response. Marianne mentioned she contacted Pat Powell from Whidbey Camano Land Trust to discuss the possibility of her acting as a negotiator with Mr. Simon.

b. Seawall Park Update

Peter Morton reported on the Wishing Whale progress. The sculpture is intended to bring attention to become a gateway to Seawall and kickoff funding for Seawall Park improvements. So far, LAF has secured half of the required funds. They hope to install the piece by April 2020. Peter and others will meet with Stan and Brigid to assure all necessary permits are in place, including a shoreline permit.

c. City Owned Critical Areas Update

Jill reported that the City is planning to update their critical area code in 2020. It was agreed upon that the City needs to require some form of preassessment before accepting dedicated wetlands. Discussion ensued regarding posting signage at “core areas and protecting corridors.”

d. LAC/POS Coordination

There was a meeting involving Gail Fleming, Joann Quintana, Peter Morton, and Diane Divelbess to discuss coordinating funding requests from the city budget. Joann proposed pooling these funds and using the combined funds to hire a grant writer who would solicit funding for projects which would fulfill the goals of both commissions. Since the first budget meetings happen in September, the two groups would need to collaborate to create a joint vision statement for the two commissions. It was suggested that Seawall Park is a good place to start as the plans there are more concrete.

POS will hold a special meeting on 7/24 to discuss potential additions to the CIP, which Stan will present to Council. It was proposed that POS declare another special meeting at LAC’s regular meeting to serve as a joint meeting. These meeting dates were tentatively approved, pending review of individual calendars.

Gail reminded POS that we had asked for temporary bathroom facilities at Seawall Park as there are no funds to build a permanent facility. The quoted price is \$150 per month. She expressed desire for \$150/month to come out of the Public Works budget.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Citizen comments

There were no citizen comments.

7. Announcements

Jill announced that the SMP is due for an update in 2020. The City expects to receive \$10,000 from the state in order to hire a consultant. The PAB has decided to create a

citizen's committee to work with the consultant. Interested citizens are encouraged to contact Brigid.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM

9. Next Regular Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2019.

Guiding Principles for Citizen Committees and Boards.

- All advisory board and committee meetings are to be conducted in public session and noticed in accordance with state law, unless otherwise advised by the city attorney.
- Individual committee members and the collective group will be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, staff, and each other.
- Committee members will respect the limitations of their individual and collective authority. The role of the committee is to advise the city council and/or staff. Please keep in mind that committee appointment does not empower you to make final decisions, unless authorized by state law or the group's enabling ordinance, or to supervise staff.
- Members will strive to appreciate differences in approach and point of view, whether from each other, the community, the city council, or staff.
- Each member will participate in the group's discussions and work assignments without dominating the discussion or activity of the committee.
- The committee chair will ensure that all members have a fair, balanced, and respectful opportunity to share their knowledge and perspectives.
- The committee will attempt to reach consensus on issues. If consensus is not possible, strong differing opinions, such as "minority" opinions, should be recorded and acknowledged in the committee's report to the city council.
- There should be "no surprises" from the committee, either in the nature of the work being undertaken by the committee or the method and timing for conveyance of recommendations to the city council. The staff liaison fulfills an important role in assisting the committee in this regard.

When presenting recommendations to the Council, it is essential that advisory group members keep the following in mind:

- all recommendations should be in written form;
- all ideas should be expressed in clear and concise language;
- proposed solutions should be viable and cost-effective;
- recommendations should identify the reasons for the changes suggested;
- the advice should reflect a consensus of a majority of the group members.