



MEETING MINUTES
Seawall Park Ad Hoc Committee
Monday, November 1, 2016
5:30 PM, Langley City Council Chambers

Tour

A tour of Seawall Park was conducted for Committee members, led by city public works director Stan Berryman. Attending the tour were:

Bernadette Aguiar
John De Wit
Sharon Emerson
Leanne Finlay
Mark and Jan Jerome (for Moe Jerome)
Becky McLemore
Jeannie Miller
Joann Hamick Quintana
Frank Rose
Pam Schell
City Staff: Stan Berryman and Brigid Reynolds,

Meeting

Attending the meeting were

Bernadette Aguiar
Sara Ames
John De Wit
Marianne Edain
Sharon Emerson
Leanne Finlay
Sue Frause
Becky McLemore
Jeannie Miller
Joann Hamick Quintana
Frank Rose
Cheryl Weisz
City Staff: Stan Berryman and Brigid Reynolds,

Approval of meeting minutes: Minutes from the September 27, 2016 meeting were approved.

Ad Hoc Committee Members: A brief discussion was held concerning who is a member of the Committee. The City Council wanted nine Committee members. Thirteen people expressed interest in participating in the Committee, and more than that attended the first meeting on September 27.

It was decided that the original 13 people would be considered as the committee's members. For the sake of continuity and being able to move forward with consensus, it was decided that if a person misses three meetings in a row, without prior notice and reasonable excuse, they will no longer be a member of the Committee.

City policies and goals that relate to Seawall Park: A summary of City policies and goals that relate to Seawall Park was provided to Committee members by City Planner Brigid Reynolds. (Copy attached to these meeting minutes.) The purpose of the handout was to acquaint Committee members with policy work already completed by the City that will guide all future Seawall Park improvements.

Seawall Park stakeholders: Committee members identified the stakeholder groups that Seawall Park serves and that should be kept in mind when planning improvements to the park.

Seawall Park Stakeholder Groups

Seniors

Disabled

Children, Teenagers

Swimmers, Water Users

Artists, Musicians

Neighbors, Neighboring Property Owners

Business Owners (First Street, Main Street Association, Chamber of Commerce)

Tourists, Visitors

Dog Owners

Historians, Teachers

Environmentalists

Landscaping and Garden Enthusiasts

Langley Citizen Advisory Boards

Langley City Management and Law Enforcement

Whale Center

Issues, Challenges, Problems: Committee members worked to identify existing issues, challenges and problems with Seawall Park. The discussion was divided into Aesthetics, Access and Amenities.

ISSUE	PROBLEM
AESTHETICS	
Landscaping	Invasive plants, landscape not maintained, plantings not child-friendly
Furniture	Worn out, poorly located, unattractive
Access, road	Poor access to water, park and water access not visible from First Street, unsafe, ugly
Railing	Old, tired
Signage	Signage not prominent, not visible, doesn't welcome and encourage park use
ACCESS	
Signage	Lack of wayfinding, directive signs, no interpretive signage, no map
Anthes access	Too steep
ADA access	Lacking
Pathway through park	Lack of pathway leading users through the linear park
Connection with Langley waterfront	Park does not connect with other Langley waterfront (marina), no map indicating pedestrian access from one part of waterfront to the other
Handrails on steps to water	Lacking
AMENITIES	
Toilets, Changing Rooms	Lacking
Tables, benches	Lacking, more needed
Barbecues	Lacking
Garbage cans	Lacking
Activities for various ages, e.g. exercise stations, telescope, music-making features, etc.	Lacking
Educational/informative plaques	Lacking
Pier	Lacking

Native American connection	Totem poles and reliefs in concrete on seawall, theme is not obvious, not extended throughout park
Theme, unifying concept	Lacking

The next meeting of the Seawall Park Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled for **Monday, December 12, 2016 at 5:30 PM** at Langley City Council Chambers.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.